### France denies Exocet sales to Iraq

PARIS (R) — French Defence Minister Charles Hernu denied Saturday that France was providing Iraq with six Super-Etendard fighter bombers equipped with Exocet missiles. "No such procedure was started. All the figures released are highly hypothetical." Mr. Hernu told French Television. On Friday, the second most powerful clergyman in Iran. Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, said in Tehran that French-built Exocets were among foreign arms being supplied to Iraq, according to the Iranian national news agency. French press reports on the issue earlier this week coincided with a visit to Paris by Egyptian President

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Price: Jordan 100 fils; Syria 1 pound; Lebanon 1 pound; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirhams; Great Britain 25 pence

### Paraffin shortage leads to death in Iranian town

LONDON (R) - The Iranian left-wing Mujahedeen organisation said Saturday one man had been killed by revolutionary guards in a clash with angry residents of an Iranian town where several children died of cold due to a shortage of heating fuel. The Paris office of the Mujahedeen told Reuters by telephone that residents fought with the guards in front of a paraffin distribution centre in the northwestern provincial town of Uromieh last week. The Mujahedeen statement did not say how many children had died of cold because of the fuel shortage; but it named one of the alleged victims.

### Altmann to face French charges

PARIS (R) — Fugitive Nazi Klaus Barbie, expelled by Bolivia after 32 years refuge from European justice, was arriving in France Saturday to face charges of crimes against humanity during World War II. Barbie, 69, who changed his name to Klaus Altmann in Bolivia, was due to land at Lyons airport late Saturday, informed sources in Paris said. He was expelled from Bolivla where he was arrested almost two weeks ago over a debt while France and West Germany sought his extradition. A justice ministry spokesman said Barbie, already sentenced to death twice in absentia by French courts, would be tried for crimes against humanity for bis wartime activities in France, where he is called the "butcher of Lyons."

### Opposition scores in Delhi elections-

NEW DELHI (R) — The opposition right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won two of the first three seats declared in Saturday's Delhi elections, widely regarded as a key test for Prime Minister Indira Gaudhi's Congress (1) Party. According to initial returns, Congress (1) retained the third seat. Results of voting for the remaining 53 seats on the metropolitan council and all 100 seats on the municipal corporation will be declared Sunday.

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### Historian on black Americans honoured

NEW YORK (R) - American historian Vincent Harding has won the \$10,000 Clarence Holte Prize for his scholarly and poetic synthesis of black American history, "There is a River: The Black Struggle for Freedom in America." The prize, awarded here Friday night, was conceived by Jamaican literary scholar Cliff Lashley and created in honour of the 74-year-old Holte, the foremost contemporary collector of books on black history and cul-

### Ethiopian refugees to return home from Djibouti

ADDIS ABABA (R) - Over 40,000 Ethiopian refugees in Diibouti are to return home in the next 15 days, according to the government's relief and rehabilitation commission. It said their return was agreed on Monday at a meeting in Dibouti between officials of the two countries and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

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# Blast kills 13, injures 60 outside Beirut PLO office

BEIRUT (R) — At least 13 people were killed and 60 injured Saturday when a huge car bomb blew up outside the main Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) office in Beirut, security sources said.

the six-storey huilding and an apartment block opposite as survivors, some covered in blood, screamed for help from balconies.

The huilding housed the Palestine Research Centre, a cultural organisation run by the PLO. The apartment block contained the offices of the Lihyan government news agency.

The blast came eight days after

a similar car bomb completely demolished a Palestinian headquarters in the eastero Lebanese town of Shioura.

The PLO's chief representative in Beirut, Shafiq, Al Hout, was not

AMMAN (Agencies) — Jordan would receive U.S. loans of \$135

million in 1984, up from \$95 mil-

lion this year, according to a prop-

osed foreign military aid budget

unveiled in Washington on Friday.

outlines an aid programme of more than S9 billion, plus bearly

\$1 billion in supplemental funds

total was for Israel and Egypt.

which continue to enjoy their uni-

que status as the only countries to

receive outright grants rather than

guaranteed loans for military pur-

A Pentagon official said the

hudget was intended to reverse

actions by Congress late last year

that greatly increased aid for

Israel at the expense of other reci-

1983 supplemental request, which

would restore funds cut by Con-

gress for such U.S. allies as South

Korea, Pakistan, Turkey and

Thailand, in addition to a one-shot

\$250 million-fund to rebuild

If the supplemental funds are

18 Ghanaians

ABIDJAN (R) — Eighteen Ghanaians died and 163 were

injured Friday in road accidents

on their way home from Nigeria

which had expelled them as illegal

aliens, Accra Radio reported

The broadcast, monitored in

Ahidjan, said the two crashes

were on the road to Accra from

Ghana's Aflao border post with

Nigeria has expelled some two

million illegal immigrants, includ-

ing one million Ghanaians, at two

weeks notice and Ghana's aiready

meagre resources have been

stretched to the limit by floods of

The last known large group of

Ghanaians left for home early this

morning on a ship sent from

They said the ship carried around 1,000 people, about one-

Accra, Lagos port officials said.

returning deportees.

fifth of its capacity.

Lehanon's army.

killed in

accidents

This was true especially for the

chases from the United States.

As usual, more than half of the

The proposed U.S. aid budget

Smoke and flames poured from in the research centre at the time of the explosion. He arrived soon afterwards and told reporters be thought Israel was responsible for

> The PLO's commando forces were evacuated from Beirut last August after weeks of Israeli siege. But a handful of civilian PLO officials, including Mr. Hout, and the research centre were allowed to remain while talks on their future were held with the Lehanese government.

Saturday's explosion ripped through the building five minutes before its 50 staff were due to go home for the weekend, throwing

Major share of \$9 billion package goes to Israel, Egypt

Jordan to receive \$135 million

in U.S. military loan programme

not approved, Pentagon and State

Department, officials told repor-

ters, a number of these countries

The administration fought

unsuccessfully in December to

block the extra funding for Israel.

... The budget request for the 1984.

financial year, which actually begins this Oct. 1, calls for a total

of about \$2.5 billion in arms and

security support funds for Israel and \$2.1 billion for Egypt.

The levels are about the same as

in the current year, including the

extra funds for Israel, but a larger

proportion of the proposed aid is

in the form of grants rather than

The military aid requests for 1983 and 1984, t

addition to U.S. foreign economic

assistance under the food for

peace and development loan

The \$9.2 hillion request for next year is about \$600 million higher

than this year, with all of the

increase in arms sales rather than

security-related economic support

with incitement to commit a crime

after allegations that he was plan-

ning an attack against Pope John

Police announced on Tuesday

that they had detained the man.

named as Mustafa Savas. He was

also charged with criminal con-

spiracy, possession and trafficking

in drugs; the justice officials said.

They said Antonio Armeli

Grigi, another man arrested on

drugs charges, had alleged that

Mr. Savas had offered him more

than \$200,000 to kill the Pope on

a planned visit to Milan later this

Another Turk, Mehmet Ali

Agca, is serving a life sentence for

trying to kill the Polish Pope in St.

Peter's square on May 13, 1981.

was confronted with his accuser in

Paul II, justice officials said.

MILAN (R) — A Turkish man, the man, was charged in Milan Saturday Mr. G

than \$10 hillion worldwide, ...

'will be in serious trouble."

up a musbroom cloud of dust and smoke and reducing several cars in

the street to flaming wrecks. Civil defence workers and police struggled to lift the smoking ruins of one car to free someone trapped underoeath. Crowds of local people swarming in the street fled in panic as a rumour spread that the car was also boohy-

People on the upper halconies of the Libyan news agency building pleaded with rescuers while women in the PLO block clambered down water-pipes in a desperate attempt to escape.

Two men raced to the scene with coils of rope and later firemen arrived with ladders. Men and women from the

Lebanese civil defence and red cross carried several bodies to amhulances on stretchers. One youth said he had seen one body he knew to be dead. "I saw him

Besides the money destined for

the Middle East, some 20 per cent

would go to countries that provide

the United States with military

bases or access to their ports and

The rest would go for economic

support in areas such as the Carib-

bean, where instability could

jeopardise U.S. security interests,

training programmes mostly in

One official said the \$250 mil-

bon sought for Lebanon this year

was "a one-shot deal" which, in

Washington's view, would be suf-

ficient to re-equip the armed forces to reassert the central gov-

ernment's control over the coun-

lion in security support grants. The rest would be in repayable

grants for arms purchases and

\$750 million for economic sup-

Mr. Grigi, who was arrested on

Jan. 28 on charges of drug traf-

ficking between Europe and the Middle East, alleged that he had

discussed a planned attack on the

A search of Mr. Savas' car by

Carabinieri paramilitary police

revealed false bodywork con-

taining about 400 grammes of

A Bulgarian Airline official.

Sergei Antonov, is being held in

Rome on suspicion of complicity

in the 1981 attempt on the pon-

tiff's life. He was arrested last

Mr. Antonov has not been

charged with any offence and

authorities are still investigating

ernment has denied that he had

heroin, the sources said.

Pope and offered him money, they

port out of a total of about \$2.1

billion in military aid.

Turk charged in Milan

Judicial sources said Mr. Savas the case. The Bulgarian gov-

a paramilitary police barracks anything to do with the attempt

here Friday and denied knowing against the Pope.

for plot against Pope

Egypt would get \$450 million in

and for relatively small mi

Africa and Latin America.

airfields.

Another man pushed through

the crowd clutching a child soaked in blood. The street and pavement were slippery with broken glass. Palestinian sources said the wife of the director of the centre, Sabri Jiryis, was among the dead. The sources said they believed both Mr. Jiryis and another senior PLO official, Tawfiq Al Safadi, had survived but they added that

Security sources said the car bomb contained 60 kilogrammes of a special high explosive which was equivalent to about 250 kilogrammes of TNT.

information was still scanty.

Last week's attack on the PLO headquarters and Saturday's blast in Beirut have taken place at a time when many in both Lehanon and Israel are growing impatient with the current deadlock in efforts to get all foreign forces out of Lebanon.

### Greece warns U.S. against increased aid to Turkey

ATHENS (R) - Greece's Socialist government bas warned President Reagan that his proposal to give far more military aid to Turkey than to Greece could upset U.S.-Greek talks about the future

of U.S. military bases lo Greece. Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou told Mr. Reagan in a letter released Saturday by the press ministry: "The Greek government cannot ignore the fact ce of power region is not maintained, the fragile stability in our area will be upset, with unforeseeable con-

"As you realise, this fact creates a climate which does not help the negotiations for a new defence agreement and it could have negative repercussions on the relations between our two countries."

Under the 1984 foreign military proposeu \$2.5 nullion in aid budget announced by the ard includes \$550 million in grants for arms purchases and \$785 miladministration Saturday, military aid to Turkey would rise from \$765 million this year to \$930 million next year, while aid to Greece would remain stable at \$280 mil-

> The Greek government, elected 15 months ago committed to removing the four U.S. military bases from Greece, has been negotiating with Washington about the bases' future. Mr. Papandreon has said that

whatever is agreed about the bases, any new agreement to replace the existing U.S.-Greek defence accord of 1953 must put a time limit on the installations pre-

In his letter the prime minister included an oblique demand that the U.S. should raise its aid to Athens by a similar amount to that which Ankara is set to receive.

# Rescue operations under way in Beirut where a huge car bomb exploded near the Palestine · Research Kreisky's visit helps **U.S.-Austria**

relations

WASHINGTON (R) -- Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky's three-day visit has taken a chill off U.S.-Austrian trade relations and injected an optimistic note into the Geneva nuclear arms talks on medium range weapons in

In his final official appearances before leaving for a private weekend in New York, Dr. Kreisky blamed the Kremlin for disrupting East-West detent Pul still optimistic ... Noscow could agree to limit nuclear weapons.

He told the National Press Club Friday the Soviet Union was responsible for rupturing detente with its installation of new medium-range SS-20 missiles in He said the North Atlantic Tre-

aty Organisation (NATO) responded with alarm, taking steps to match the new missiles with its own.

Another Soviet mistake that disrupted detente was the military intervention in Afghanistan, Dr. Kreisky said.

But in a television interview earher in the day, he said he was quite optimistic about prospects for an agreement limiting U.S.-Soviet medium range nuclear weapons: Dr. Kreisky will return to

# Bush aims to reinforce Italian bases for missiles

Austria on Tuesday.

Italy has shown for the planned deployment of U.S. mediumrange missiles in Western Europe

Mr. Bush's three-day stay will be the longest of his West European tour and will include meetings with Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani, Pope John Paul II. and political party leaders.

U.S. Ambassador Maxwell Rabb, in a newspaper interview published Saturday, said the fact Mr. Bush had chosen to make the longest stop in Italy indicated Washington's special regard for the country and its firm policy on

"Thanks to Italy's decision (to take the missiles), the Geneva negotiations (on limiting them) might succeed. Without your attitude, the United States could not assure Western Europe's Sec-

Work has already begun at the site in Comiso, Sicily, where 112 Cruise missiles are due to be deployed. The preparations have not been marked by the

emergence of any powerful antinuclear movement such as those in Northern Europe.

The United States is known to regard the progress made at Comiso as absolutely crucial and effectively a lead to the other countries in continental Europe-Belgium, West Germany and the Netherlands--which are due to take the missiles.

While Italy's resolve to take the weapons has not wavered, both Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo and Defence Minister Lelio Lagorio have recently suggested that the U.S."zero option" should be interpreted flexibly at the Geneva negotiations.

The zero option would involve the cancellation of NATO's plans' to deploy 572 medium-range-Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in return for the dismantlement of Soviet medium-range missiles.

Mr. Bush, who has already visited West Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland, Friday indicated some support for the views of the Italian ministers when he declared that the zero option was not a "take-it-or-leave-it proposition."

# Joint committee reviews aid to W.Bank projects

AMMAN (Petra) — Financial assistance to West Bank inhabitants to carry out development projects were discussed at a meeting . included Minister of Transport Ali held bere Saturday by the Joint Jordanian-Palestinian Committee of the People in the Occupied Ter-

The committee, which took several decisions conceroing such assistance, also reviewed the situation of a special fund set up for the purpose and its commitments for the current year.

The committee meetings will continue here Sunday, a committee spokesman said.

The Jordanian side, which was led by Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim, Suheimat. Minister of Interior Ahmad 'Obeidat, and Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs Under-Secretary Shawkat

Centre Saturday, killing 13 people and injuring 60

Mahmoud. The Palestinian side, led by Palestine Liberation Organisation Homeland Department Director Hamid Abu Setta, included PLO Executive Committee members Mr. Abdul Rahim Ahmad, Mr. Khalil Al Wazir, Dr. Hanna Nasir and PLO Central Council member Salch Ra'fat.

# New laws to ban Turkish criticism of military coup ANKARA (R) - Future Turkish promised for this autumn.

political parties will be forhidden to criticise the 1980 military coup

The laws bar any party formed under the promised return to elected government from opposing the coup in policy, action or statement, and from any stated

link with pre-coup parties. They also bar professional bodies and trade uninns from contributing to party funds and limit individual donations to \$2,600 a

The laws, some clauses of which were published last month, were drawn up hy a special committee of the military-appointed national consultative assembly. The assembly will dehate them before they go to the ruling five-man national security council for final

ratification.

All party political activity has been banned since the coup and pre-coup parties abolished. The draft laws are a key part of pre-parations for general elections

Last month the Council of Europe's parliamentary assembly under draft laws published Satur- criticised the new Turkish constitution approved in November and called on Ankara to renounce its voting rights on the council's executive until it restored full **democracy**.

The draft laws say parties cannot use the words communist, fascist, anarchist, national socialist or theocratist in their name or programme, and can contest elections only if they are established in at least half of Turkey's 68 pro-

The new constitution, approved in a national referendum, already outlaws parties based on the dominance of one social group, separatism, language, religion. race, sect or dictatorship. Communist parties have long been hanned in Turkey.

The new laws bar parties from claiming to be the extension of any banned party and from using old party names, emblems, badges or

# insignias. S.Africa lifts financial

# control over non-residents CAPE TOWN (R) - South Afri-

exchange controls over non- tem. residents from Monday. Exchange controls have existed

on non-residents since 1961, and Mr. Horwood described the move real estate and other investments: as "a giant step forward for the held by non-residents, will be South African economy."

The financial rand, which trades at a discount to the commercial rate, is the method by which nonresidents can huy and sell shares

and other assets in South Africa. It was introduced as the blocked rand in 1961 when large amounts

of capital left the country following disturbances at Sharpeville.

The scope of the financial rand cents.

can Finance Minister Owen Hor- interim report of a monetary wood announced Saturday the commission said the eventual aim abolition of the financial rand and was a unitary exchange rate sys-

The decision means that from Monday, the local proceeds of sales of South African securities freely transferable from South Africa at the ruling exchange rate, Such proceeds may also be freely used in the rand monetary area-South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland--by non-residents for investment or other purposes.

At the close of trading on Friday, the commercial rand was worth about 92.9 U.S. cents and the financial rand about 77.25

Portugal faces 10th polls in 9 years LISBON (R) — Portugal's voters 25 date, celebrating the overthrow of nearly 50 years of right-wing dictatorship, feeling it will help

face their tenth journey to the polls in nine years following President Antonio Ramalho Eanes' dissolution of parliament Friday President Eanes picked the

most significant date in the Portuguese calendar, the April 25 anniversary of the country's almost bloodless 1974 revolution, as the election date to end a govemment crisis begun eight weeks

Communist and Socialist opposition parties pressed for the April coalition of Prime Minister Fran-

their campaign over the party's of the right, scarred now by the protracted crisis.

Deputies rushed through legislation Friday to approve a provisional 1983 budget, barely bothering to debate the 51 clauses, in their anxiety to speed

the election announcement.
President Eanes, 48, had told the country he would call elections only after the outgoing right-wing

cisco Pinto Balsemao had pushed through urgent economic legislation to keep the ailing country affoat during the run-up to elec-Mr. Balsemao, 45, a former

newspaper editor, resigned on

Dec. 19 because of feuding in his three-party democratic alliance-Political parties have until March 1 to present their candidate lists but political sources said it was unlikely the alliance of Social Democrats, Christian Democrats and monarchists would run

### ROME (R) - U.S. Vice-President George Bush arrives in Rome Saturday for a visit aimed at reinforcing the consistent support

the missiles.

urity," he said.

# Jerash Festival slated for August 12-20

AMMAN (Petra) — The National Jerash Festival is to be held between Aug. 12 and 20 with several Jordanian, Arab and international troupes presenting a variety of performances, according to a decision taken Saturday by the Higher National Committee for the Jerash Art and Cultural Festival which met under the chairmanship of Her Majesty Queen Noor.

Before taking the decision, the committee reviewed the various programmes submirted by a number of local organisations which included Jordan Television, Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, the Ministry of Culture and Youth, and the armed forces.

discussions and made several important comments about the work of various sub committees expected to start preparations for the annual festival in the coming few months.

"All necessary steps must be taken to ensure that the country Queen Noor took part in the presents a bright and colourful

picture of our national artistic and cultural activity at the Jerash festival, Queen Noor said.

The committee members discussed an annual report on the functions and programmes of the various subcommittees prepared by the festival's director. The report covered the festival's 1983 programme and the committee's financial situation.

After endorsing the programme, the committee decided that the executive committee and the various sub-committees should start work as soon as possible to ensure that the festival preparations go smoothly and according to schedule.

# Jordan refugee camp delegation asks NCC speaker to improve their facilities and living conditions

AMMAN (Petra) — Representatives of Palestinian refugee ples. We also call on all Arah camps in Jurdan Saturday voiced their total support for His Majesty King Hussein's national policies in general and those relating to the Palestine problem in particular.

They expressed their support for the King through a delegation which called at the National Consultative Council (NCC) and met its Speaker Suleiman Arar.

A delegation spokesman said at the meeting that the refugees in Jordan hack all efforts aimed at further bolstering ties between the

ple), went on sale in Jordan Satur. .

The newspaper, largely owned

privately-run Arabic dailies,

Al-Ra'i (Opinion) and Al-

In its first editorial. Sawt Al-

Shaah said it would seek to be an

Water and Sewerage Authority

(AWSA), in preparation for the

expansion of its operations, is to

organise several training courses

to raise the general standard and

efficiency of its workers, accord-

AMMAN (Petra) - A two-week

seminar using "administrative

case studies" as a device to be used

in administrative training opened

at the offices of the Arah Organ-

isation of Administrative Sciences

The meeting, attended by eigh-

teen participants from twelve

Arah countries, aims to acquaint

the participants with the most

(AOAS) here Saturday.

Dustour (The Constitution).

ples. We also call on all Arah countries to support the Jordanian-Palestinian accord and to assist their joint endeavours which aim to regain the occupied Arah territories and liberate the Palestinian land and her people, the spokesman said.

At the meeting, the delegation submitted proposals to Mr. Arar and several NCC members to 'expand public services in their' camps. These include improving roads, electricity, water supply and telephone and health services,

Jordan's role in Arab Nation

ation to the Arab nation and a

The Sawt Al-Shaah leader

added that the new newspaper will

establishing an atmosphere of

tolerance and understanding bet-

ween members of the Jordanian

community. It also hopes to be

responsive to the requirements of

preparation for operational growth

speaking Saturday at the opening of a training course for nine of

AWSA employees who will be lec-

tured technological subjects per-

tinent to their profession. The par-

ticipants in the 20-day course will

Case studies training method adopted

and the use and application of case

studies, as well as acting as a forum

for the exchange of views and

AOAS Director-General Dr.

Abdullah Al Zu'bi pointed out in

the opening speech of the seminar

that the most important aspect of

training through the use of case

studies is the fusian of theoretical

in joint-Arab administrative seminar

AMMAN (J.T.) - A new tinuously stress Jordan's affili-

by the government, joins two try responsibly to contribute to

Arah voice which will con- the Jordanian citizen, especially in

mg to AWSA Director-General be tutored in theoretical as well as

recent ideas on training methods concepts with practical reality. He

AWSA programme begins in

Arahic-language daily newspaper, ation to the Arab nation commitment to its causes.

The delegation members also called on the government to take appropriate measures to prevent the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) from suspending the distribution of food rations to the refugees.

In reply, Mr. Arar promised to convey all these demands to the government for consideration. The NCC has a duty towards the refugees, and is concerned to make sure that the appropriate improvements are made in the camps, Mr. Arar stated.

promoting a free expression of

The modern press, the editorial

pointed out, is a means of com-

munication that serves mankind's

need for knowledge and social

awareness. It is an instrument for

expressing public opinion on the

one hand, but is also a means of

informing the people of national

life and topics in the world at

ational Training Corporation (VTC) Director Munther Al

Masri, who also commented on

how the VTC and the AWSA

would cooperate in these training

ration colleges, and administ-

ration training centres in highly-

have already adopted the adminis-trative cases method as a basis for

their educational and training

courses. AOAS, having found it of

great benefit to workers and stu-

dents alike, plans to adopt it for a trial period for use in Arah

administrative institutions.

developed industrialised countries

individual views.

#### the basilica church was found by department said. chance when the land owner was The church is similar to one found at Siyagha, some 10 carrying out digging operations in :kilometres west of Madaha the process of laying the foundations for his home. The church's -- another site yielding rich floor is covered with mosaics of archaeological rewards. New Arabic daily will stress Student counselling service

Saturday for discussions with AMIDEAST/Jordan staff and consultations with senior Jordanian Ministry, Higher Council. on Education, university and U.S. Emhassy officials, as well as student sponsors, including the Royal

The visiting delegation com-prises Mr. Albert G. Sims, Chairman of AMIDEAST's board of directors and former Vice-President of the College Entrance Examination Board, Mr. Orin D. Parker, President and Ms. Dorothy LaGuardia, senior vicepresident and director of endcational services. The headquarters senior staff are visiting six of AMIDEAST's eight field offices in the Arah World, tied to a

regional field director's con-AMIDEAST, founded in the U.S. in 1951 and established in Jordan six years later, is a private, non-profit organisation working to further human resource development in the Arah World and to promote understanding. between Arabs and Americans.

AMIDEAST carries out its mis-

sion through programmes of edu-cation, training, research and

information. Student counselling is the major activity of AMIDEAST field offices, which assist some 110,000 privately-funded students interested in U.S. higher education each year. Information on accredited universities, fields of study and admissions require-

AMMAN (J.T.) — Three top ments, as well as counselling and executives of AMIDEAST orientation programmos: are orientation programmos: -are -(America-Mideast Educational offered free of charge and Training Services, Jacora AMIDEAST administers the Test porated) arrived in Amman of English as a Foreign Language Saturday for discussions with

Her Majesty Queen Noor presides over a meeting Saturday of the countries in charge of the Jerash

. Meanwhile, a total of 118 Jor-

danian merchants have been fined

JD 50 each hy the military court

featuring hunting and horseriding

scenes along with Greek writings.

Also found in the ancient church

were two water wells containing

skeletons, pottery lanterns and

Military court imposes \

stiff prison sentences

court Saturday pronounced sen-.

tence on 46 Jordanian citizens

after their conviction on a number

church dating hack to the sixth century AD has been discovered

in a residential area at Quweis-

meh, five kilometres south of

AMMAN (Petra) — The military between JD 50 and JD 28.985.

of unspecified charges. All 46 will for violating the Ministry of Sup-be jailed for periods ranging from ply regulations. The military gov-

three months to 15 years, and all emor Saturday endorsed both sets but seven of them will pay fines of sentences.

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Byzantine beautiful designs and frescos

The Department of Antiquities, marble pieces dating back to which reported the find, said that Byzantine and Islamic eras, the

executives arrive in Amman

Byzantine church remains

found in Quweismeh suburb

In Jordan, AMIDEAST Director Alain McNamara and his Amman and Irbid staff provided. these services to over 17,000 students during 1982. "We are also involved in the local side of sponsored U.S. study programmes, such as the Royal Palace's undergraduate scholarships and the new faculty development programme of graduate scholarships for Mu'tah University," said Mr. McNamara. "Additionally, we are available to any parent, school, university, ministry or company that is seeking professional advice oa U.S. academic or technical programmes."

One aspect of AMIDEAST Jordan's activity that is of special interest to the visitors from Washington, D.C. is a newly introduced vocatinnal training support programme, through which AMIDEAST provides training programme evaluations. project design, resource identifications and other services to strengthen vocational training

programmes in Jordan. After four days in Amman and Irbid, the AMIDEAST delegation will travel to the occupied West Bank to visit the East Jerusalem office, which is specifically charged with administration of faculty development scholarships in cooperation with four Arah West Bank universities. They will return to Amman hriefly, before continuing on to Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco.

AMMAN (J.T.) - The recent increases in the price of oil byproducts in Jordan are expected to earn the treasury around JD 9 million during 1983, according to Finance Minister Salem Ma-

The minister said that petrol is the only oil by-product not subsidised by the government and which actually welds a profits, but

The government issued a fils per 20 litres.

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

PLO commander arrives in Ramtha

AMMAN (Petra) - Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Deputy Commander Khalil Al Wazir arrived here Saturday from Syria to take part in the Joint Jordanian-Palestinian Committee meeting which is due to start in Amman in the coming week. He was met at the border by Ramtha District Governor Mahmond Al Sari, a representative of the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs and several other officials.

### Dudin bans infected Syrian cattle

AMMAN (Petra) - Agriculture Minister Marwan Dudin issued circular Saturday asking all government departments and Jordanian meat and livestock importers to refrain from importing cattle from Syria until further ootice. The order was issued to protect local animals from the effects of rinderpest disease which has infected cows in Syria, the circular said.

### Students Fund receives two donations

AMMAN (Petra) - The University of Jordan Students Fund announced Saturday that it received a JD 5,000 donation from the Jordan Cement Factories Company. The fund also received a JD 2,000 donation from the Jordan Tobacco and Cigarette Company. The university's President Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali sent the two companies letters thanking them for their generosity, and said that the funds will be offered to impecunious university

### Swiss ambassador discusses trade visit

AMMAN (Petra) - Swiss amhassador to Jordan Andre-Louis Vallon Saturday called at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and met its Director Albert Butros. They discussed arrangements for a visit to Jordan this month by a Swiss economic and trade delegation. They also reviewed technological and scientific cooperation between the RSS and Switzerland.



JEA extends

electrification

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan

Electricity Authority (JEA) will

complete the electrification of 33

villages in the Jordan Valley, Al

Karak, Al Shobak and Tafila dis-

tricts before the end of this year,

Al Ra'i newspaper reported

Saturday. It said that the JEA has drawn up plans for the elec-trification of 85 villages around

Amman and in the Balqa Gov-

emorate. This project, designed to supply nearly 88,000 people with

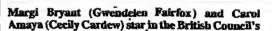
electric power, entails the con-

struction of 21 transformer sta-

tions and boosting the capacity of

existing ones in the Amman and

Balqa regions.





# **British Council audiences** charmed by Wilde's wit

By Gamini Akmeemana Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The British Council in Amman, making its theatrical debut put an Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" to packed houses on Thursday Feh. 3rd and Friday Feh. 4th.

For those who subscribe to the theory that the theatre ought to have a contemporary message for society, this play may have proved to be a disappointment; what has the snobbery of the English upper classes in Victorian England to do with Jordan in the early 1980s?

But Wilde never really had a message for anybody. Though he didn't miss a chance to criticise Bernard Shaw's vegetarianism, he never had Shaw's appetite for moralising. Indeed he couldn't maintain a serious face while preaching, so his plays are nothing hut entertainment, watermelons of wit sometimes as difficult tn eat as muffins.

One-upmanship and other assorted forms of snobbery are as universal as the belief in the hereafter. Snobs differ only in form the world over, not in content, and in the Importance of largely left out those descriptions that might have interested a sculptor striving after heightened Baroque effects. Some of the emotions he wanted his actors to couvey just might have been possible with a movie camera, but are certainly next to impossible onstage.

Any trouble the director and cast might have had in reproducing the atmosphere of Victorian England, as it was then in Half-Moon street, have been removed, in this case, by bringing the whole improbable situation forward to our times. Ernest John Moncrieff, therefore, became a heutanant in 1917, not in 1840, as in the original.

But the whole thing has to take on the atmosphere of a periodpiece, a relic. Not that the drawing room must be exact down to the smallest detail, more a collector's wish come true than a realisticstage setting. Wilde delighted in walking the thin line between what is real and unreal; nothing is what it appears to be, down to the

colour of Algernou's hair. From this beginning, a nosedive into a theatre of absurdity seems almost inevitable. There are possibilities in Wilde's Half-Moon street atmosphere that haven't been made use of. But, though you are tempted to walk out of the theatre with the inclination of look for what isn't there rather than what is there, after nearly three hours of being told things of the sort, Wilde's mixture of reality and nonsense is something that can't survive for long in your own drawing room; or you won't sur-

The term amateur production always has some ominous overtones. When does one stop being an amateur and become a professional? Few people are born Being Earnest, at any rate, Wilde either amateur or professional, and people who have enough enthusiasm to spend their limited free time doing something that never reaches more than ten per cent of any society, whatever labelthat will be readily tagged onto them, are making an effort that is far more than just commendable.

From the cast of nine, only Jill Goddard is a newcomer, and the performances all round, scored more good points than bad. Almost everybody made a sliphere and there, some more than the others, but the errors were marginal, especially when you remember that the play was a spare-time effort, the result of and a general in 1943, not in 1869 tremendous enthusiasm. That

enthusiasm was clearly evident, sometimes a little too much; but too much enthusiasm is never as

bad as too little of it. The only non-English member of the cast is Carol Amaya, who is an American. The effectiveness of Wilde's lines depend upon their delivery, the right quances, the right pitch at the right moment. It would be very difficult for an Asian, Middle Eastern or European cast to reproduce those accents familiar ennugh in Wool-

ton Manor House, and the like. Here, the accents are right, and one of the greatest difficulties in a play where the right tone immediately characterises a person have been successfully overcome. Everyone dislikes snobs, if only because they always take that tone, but one purpose of the theatre is to bring within our hearing people who would love to make us miserable in real life. Everyone loves wit, except when one is at the receiving end.

A large part of the Victorian audiences for this play would have been at the receiving end, at one time or another, but here, at least half the audience had the sense of watching something essentially foreign, and more than usually entertaining. Someone once said that Wilde owed much of his wit to the American artist Whistler. But so many people were jealous of. Wilde. Never mind who said it in the first place. If all you wanted was a good laugh, then you had more than you bargained for.

The cast for the Importance of Heing Parass west. Martin Saving (facts Worms), I.A. Murphy (Algernan Marcriett); Margi Bryand (Govendelen Fairfox), Carol Amaya (Cecily Carden), Margot Bell (Lady Bracknell), Jill Goddard (Miss Prison), David Bell (Canon Chasible) and Richard Farmer and Jack Rigg as the but-



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defence order Wednesday raising each type of oil products by 100



# **FEATURES**

# Turks are finally serious about coming to grips with human disasters

By Hugh Carnegy Reuter

ANKARA - Last week's airliner crash at Ankara Airport which killed 45 people has set Turks thinking about how to improve their country's dismal record of

accidents and disasters. A Turkish Airlines Boeing 727 on a flight from Paris via Istanbul fell short of the runway in wind and sleet, breaking into three pieces and exploding into flames. Forty-five of the 67 passengers and crew aboard perished, many of them hurnt to death in their

It was the latest accident in what has so far been a grim winter. Early oo Jan. 3, a seveo-storey apartment block collapsed in the southeastern city of Diyarbakir

killing 81 people, most of whom were asleep at the time. On Nov. 20 last year, 19 people years.

were burnt or suffocated to death . More than 600 people have when a gas canister exploded in an Instanbul oightcluh setting it alight and cutting off the only exit.

In between, as heavy snow and hiting frost have gripped much of Turkey, there have been almost daily reports of road accidents in which death tolls of 10 people are not unusual.

The catalogue of accident and disaster continues back in receot

died in six Turkish Airlines crashes in the past nine years, according to newspaper tallies.

The last hut one was in December 1979 wheo a Fokker F-28, approaching Ankara Airport on an internal flight from Samsun on the Black Sea coast, plunged to earth killing 40 passengers and crew. According to the official investigation, the crash was due to a combination of had

The world's worst airline disaster involving a single plane was in March 1974 when 346 peopleaboard a Turkish Airlines DC-10 eo route to London were killed when it crashed shortly after

door. Turkey's road traffic casualty figures are also alarmingly high. Accordingly to state statistics,

take-off from Paris. An official

inquiry blamed a faulty cargo

been killed in road accidents in recent years among a population of 45 million.

In November 1980, 97 womeo and children were killed wheo a gas canister exploded at an eogagement party in a village cast of Ankara, virtually wiping out the village's female population.

As a oewspaper columnist remarked after the Diyarbakir huilding collapse, ooe of the proh-

about 5,000 people a year have lems is that most Turks simply assign disasters to the will of Allah and get oo with life.

> Such an attitude is visible every day as Turks go about their bus-

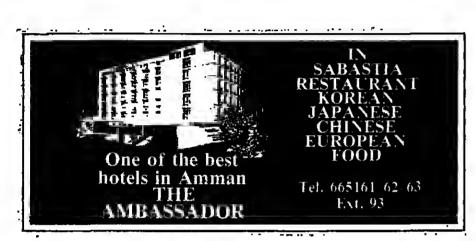
> But since the latest aircrash. newspaper columnists and public figures have pointed to what they say is an unacceptable tolerance of fatal negligence.

An official investigation has

been launched into the cause of the weekend aircrash, amidstpress charges that the plane should oever have been allowed to attempt to land in such conditions.

Calling for effective measures to curb official oegligence, columnist Oktay Eksi asked in the daily Hurriyet: "If you press the throttle and go your own way uncaring... and hit a wall, is that an accident or a display of madness?"

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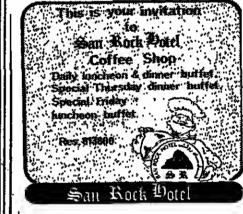
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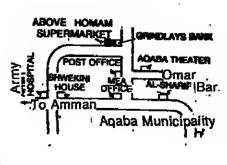
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# Driving 3 tanks away

UNITED States Captain Charles B. Johnson. commander of Company L, Third Battalion Regiment, may have been decorated for bravery before, but his chance to become an overnight folk hero could only come in Lebanon last week. In the latest of "confrootation" incidents between the 1,300-Marine corps contingent of the International Peacekeeping Farce and Israeli troops occupying areas near Beirut, the American Marine is reported to have "single-handedly" held off three Israeli tanks which tried to patrol in and around the zone controlled by his force.

Of course it was not Capt. Johnson's lone pistoi that frightened the Israelis aff. Nar could it have been his verbal threat to order a cut in U.S. aid to Israel that forced the tanks to leave the disputed area. It is possible, however, that it was this soldier's determination to carry nut

duty, regardless of the odds, that brought the first American win in any conation with the Israelis up until this day. er the incident, the Israelis complained Washington overplayed the square off and ed on calling it a "non-event". Right ar

wrong, the example that Capt. Johnson gave us should not pass unnoticed, but especially by his own country and government. If one determined American Marine with a pistol can challenge three Israeli tanks and force them to retreat away from his operational zone, why will not his superpower government be just a little bit more forceful with its counterpart in Israel in the search for lasting peace in the Middle East? We all know it can and most agree that it must; for there is really nothing else now that would make Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin change his mind about reconsidering his hardline position vis-a-vis American policies and long-term interests in

The Reagan administration says it is both serious and determined in its attempts to bring peace to the Middle East. But what seems most evident at this stage is that neither its seriousness nor determination is anywhere near those of the American Marine who singlehandedly stood up to the Israelis and drove them away from his sphere of interest.

# ORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Israeli stooges visit U.S. on propaganda mission

A delegation of pro-Israeli Village-League representative leaves for the U.S. Saturday, in a counter-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) move, aimed at convincing American public opinion that the PLO is not the sole representative of the Palestinian penple. The alleged purpose of the visit to the U.S. is the search for a just solution of the Palestinian problem, and the launching of a fund-raising campaign for the leagues.

It is obvious that the real aim of the visit is quite contrary to any peace effort, and has nothing do. with the Palestinian people's legitimate rights, The Village-League representatives' visit actually has other objectives: 1. It aims at persuading American public opinion and the U.S. administration that the bagues have a constituency whose views they represent, thus custing doubts on the status of the PLO. as the only representative of the Palestinian people. 2. The visit also aims at desuading the U.S. administration from starting a dialogue with the

PLO, if Washington ever brings itself to contemplate such a step. 3. The Village-Leagues then hope to substitute themselves for the PLO, as the Palestinian representatives in any future negotiation. 4. The leagues also wish to obstruct the joint Jordanian-Palestinian search for peace. 5. Last but not least, Israel is trying to cover itself, so that it cannot be held responsible for refusing to talk with the Palestinians in the event of the failure of the -peace efforts.

It is worth noticing that the Israeli move comes at a time when the Jordanian-Palestinian dialogue hasreached its final and most fruitful stage, and thus reflects Israeli discomfort at this success.

The Village Leagues will never gain the Palestinian people's loyalty, and our people in the occupied territories have long ago passed judgment on their treachery. It is the U.S. administration's turn now to expose this non-representative group , of lackeys for what they are.

# "Al Dustour: Lebanon must forget divisions and face Israel

The renewed clashes between the Socialist Progressive Party militia and the Falangist militia take place at a time when the U.S.-Lebanese-Israeli negotiations on Lebanon have reached a crucial stage. The clashes definitely have a negative impact on the outcome of such talks, as they help justify Israel's refusal to withdraw from Lebanese soil.

Any Arab or international mediation attempt is hound to be futile if the Lebanese people themselves do not face the Israelis with a united stand, in the absence of such a stand. Israel will undoubtedly be able to make potitical gains out of its military invasion of Lebanon, and to impose its conditions on the Lebanese negotiators.

The inter-Lebanese feuding as a major excuse of to justify the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. The continuation of such hostilities will only give increased credence to Israeli demands for a security belt in southern Lehanon, which in effect amounts to Israeli military and economic hegemony over Lehanon.

We do not think that the Lebanese people are unaware of such facts, as the destruction and calamities that have befallen them are quite sufficient to bring about such a point of view. However, it is time for all the Lebanese factions to give priority to the common Lebanese cause over factional considerations. Affiliation to the Lebanese nation should be more important than these minor differences, as the main aim of its people should be the preservation of Lehanon's unity, and the resto-

of the world like the Falklands.

much into them. ration of its sovereignty. what our NATO navies would

over price stability", one senior

the morning, he says, they spoil my day. If I read them at noon before lunch, they kill my appetite. After lunch, they make me sick. But if I read them in the evening, they set the pattern of my nightmares. Last week, one of our daily

papers published the kind of story that would make me read the papers any time of the day. And in an unexplained departure from custom, the story was highlighted on the front page. It was about a sixteen years old girl from Zarqa who found that she had had enough of Zarqa, Amman, Jordan, her family and the rest of us and therefore decided to slip to

My trouble with newspapers is

that I don't seem to find the

right time to read them, writes

Raja Shehadeh, a former stu-

dent of mine. If I read them in

The experience must have been harrowing for her family as it could be harrowing for anyone of us. But she proved to be the kind of person who can make any father or mother proud. The reason for her escape, I thought, was perfectly respectable, especially in these days when everybody is talking about self-determination and no one knows what it means. Abeer Ihrahim Ahu Quhenah

had always, since childhood dreamt of becoming a medical doctor and therefore she must study medicine. But her parents wouldn't even consider the idea, not because of any objection to the study of medicine, but of the idea of a girl going to college in far away places, mixing with young men and studying with them, of all things, the anatomy of the body which for women is to be covered and not to be discussed in any detail.

Like Joan of Arc, the voices

kept coming to Abeer to go to

Egypt in order to realise her dream and study medicine. Finally she made up her mind and drew up a plan of action. She would save crough money to buy berself a ticket to Cairo where she would exchange her family for strangers and finish ber secondary school and then go to college where she would read to her heart's content in order to become a medical doctor. The dream-like plan, borrowed perhaps from a children's book or some relevision melodrama, was implemented with an adult precision the like of which had never been seen or heard in this well kept coun-

At sixteen and still in the

second secondary class. Abeer told her schoolmistress that the family was moving to Cairo and therefore sbe needed a certificate of transfer. She got the certificate. Now she needed to extricate herself from her mother's passport in order to have an independent passport. But she couldn't do that without the collaboration of one of

her parents who none of them

of course would oblige. So

Abeer used a taxi driver for a

father who played the role in

the Department of Passports.

To end a nightmare

She borrowed some Saudi money by helping herself to the wallet of an unsuspecting brother who had come to visit with his wife from Saudi Arabia. Perhaps she thought that was what Saudi money was for! And finally, Abeer found herself on the plane going to Cairo before anybody could discover her whereabouts.

The funny thing was that Abeer talked her way into the heart of everybody whose co-operation she needed. Sometimes she told her true story, as she did to the taxi driver, and someomes she just lied normally. She did so with an Egyptian woman travelling to Cairo on the same plane from Amman, and the woman

did all she could to help a girl whose family had let her go to Cairo on her own to seek education. She introduced her to a relative in Cairo who helped her find school and accommodation.

And so when Abecr did not come back home in time, her parents started to get worried and pervous. Their 45 day ordeal of search for the vanishing Abeer ended one day last week when a man from the Jordanian Ministry of Fnreign Affairs showed up at her classroom in Abbasiya, Cairo and called upon her by name to return to her family.

Back in Zarqa, Abeer's family broke into great jubilation vowing that they would let her study medicine anywhere she wished even if they had to sett their own clothes.

Commenting on her story in Arabic, I thought that Abeer had provided us with the kind of answer that was needed to help us solve our Middle Eastera crisis. For the crisis is not only political, hut also socioeconomic. Abeer had taken her destiny into her own hands' and taught her family as well as other families a lesson.

She might have taught us that we should not put more

trust in boys just because they are boys. She has reminded us of the days of ignorance before Islam when girls were buried alive. Islam has taught us that we are only custodians for our children and have no right to think for them or on their behalf in a way they do not

By Ibrahim Abu Nab

The freedom of a nation, as all thinking-people knnw, derives from the freedom of the individual. If the individual feels very strongly about his own right to self-determination and finds that he cannot do anything about it, I wrote, then the whole people can do very little for themselves.

When a woman less her mother think for her, and the man leaves it to his ciders and the clders to their elders in turn, then the cidest one will have a hell of a time knowing what all of those fellows want. That is the root of all evil.

The funny thing was that a lot of people protested the pubtication of such a story on the front page or on any other page. For this is the kind of story they thought will set the pattern of their nightmares.

But these are the kind of nightmares, I think, that will end our unending nightmare.

# essons learned from the Falklands war

By Robert Trautman

WASHINGTON—Eight months after Britain defeated Argentina in the struggle for the Falklands, U.S. strategists are still arguing about what lessons the United States learned from the bloody conflict over the remote South Atlantic islands.

One of the arguments unresolved since the fighting is whether large and expensive aircraft carriers are essential in any modern war or whether the money would be better spent on building a greater number of smaller ships.

Critics of a policy of relying on a limited number of large ships say the dangers of this approach were ghlighted by the crippling of the titish destroyer Sheffield by a agle Argentine missile.

But senior Peotagon officials argue that the example of the Sheffield reaffirms the need for the sort of heavy air cover that only the use of giant aircraft carriers would permit. There are even those that question whether the United States has anything to learn from the fighting.

# Adequate deterrent

Some Pentagon planners see any war between the supernowers. the United States and the Soviet Union, as certain to be widespread and not confined to a remote area

Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, in his annual message to Congress on the status of U.S. forces, said there were lessons to be learnt from the war hut cautioned against reading too

The naval war over the Falklands, he said, "did not resemble

have to expect from the more sophisticated Soviet threat."

But in a comment that reflected the Reagan administration's declared determination to build up U.S. military forces. Mr. Weinberger said that one thing the conflict made clear was that it cost less to deter a war than to fight it.

"One larger lesson of the war in the Falklands should not be lost," he said."An adequate deterrent is far less costly than the war the failure to deter might cause." He said that part of Britain's success was its ability to charter and convert private ships for emergency transport of supplies. This underlined the need for the United States to ensure that its forces have a "similar maritime support .capshility,".he added.

# Effectiveness

of sophisticated weapons such as the U.S. Sidewinder missiles used by Britain and Britain's own short take-off harrier fighter aircraft which the U.S. Marines have

In his report to Congress, Mr. Wemberger said that the war, which ended when Argentine troops on the Falklands surrendered on June 14, had proved that early warning of air attack was essential.

Britain, he noted, had lacked aircraft on the spot capable of providing such warning. Senior Pentagon officials will make a similar point in arguing the needfor hig, advanced weapons when the Senate Armed Services Committee holds planned hearings this spring on the Falklands war.

Commenting several months ago on the attack on the Sheffield, in which the British destroyer was put out of action by an Exocet missile fired from a French-made Super Etendard aircraft, Navy Secretary John Lehmann said: The Super Etendard could not bave gotten anywhere near our

### Sitting duck

U.S. officials described the ship. as "a sitting duck" because of a lack of air cover. In Mr. Lehmann's view, the war reinforced the navy's case for more hig nuclear-powered carriers, each costing \$1.2 hillion.

America's hig carriers, he noted, were armed with some 90 aricraft with enough range to put una wide umbrella to ward off any . enemy plane like the lone Eten-dated which was able to hit the Sheffield with its missile. Officials said the war might have turned not earlier decided as a cost saving measure to pare hack its surface fleet in favour of submarines.

Admiral Thomas Hayward, who retired as U.S. chief of naval operations last year, said of the British decision to cut back its surface fleet: "We think it was a significant error in judgement in terms of requirements."
Other officials said however

that even the comparatively little air power used by the British-they had only short-range vertical takeoff harriers - gave them enough of an advantage over the Argentines.

# Disagreement

In Congress, there is significant disagreement over the navy's bid for more big ships. Critics led by Senator Gary Hart, a member of the Armed Services Committee and a potential 1984

Democratic presidential challenger, want a trimmed-down. leaner military. One of the ways they would

have this done is by scuttling hig carriers in favour of more and smaller ships. Mr. Lehmann derides such "less

hig but more" moves, and refers to Gary Hart Carriers."

William Lind, a defence expert on Senator Hart's staff, wrote recently that if one lesson was to was probably that all surface ships navy."

now were vulnerable to attack from both land and sea.

"It follows that we should try to distribute our navy's offensive power over as many ships as possible, to minimise the chance that a single successful attack would cost us an entire battle, he said,

He noted that the Soviet navy the small ships for which Senator was primarily a submarine navy, Hart and others are pressing as with about 300 submarines and only some 30 major surface vessels. Mr. Lind added, "no one in the U.S. navy would apparently suggest using carriers to fight the be learned from the Falklands, it main element of the Russian

# Blacklist them

To the Editor:

I read the article by Mr. Claud Morris, published in your paper on Monday Jan. 24. I was upset and stunned by what he wrote.

I have an idea on how to deal with and treat such blind foreign editors as Andrew Alexander, and John Junor, and that is to put their names on the black list in all the Arab countries. Also we should prevent them from entering the country whose people they don't care much for.

> Mrs. Samira Naser Amman

# Austrian tranquility disturbed

By Jonathan Lynn Reuter

VIENNA - Austria, often called the island of the blessed" by its rulers, is one of the few countries that seems well placed to ward off the ill-effects of world recession this year, bank economists say. But with an election due in April, waves from the outside world's conomic storms are increasingly listurbing the usually tranquil Austrian scene and have pushed inemployment to 0.5 per cent, the highest rate since 1960.

The ruling Socialist Party (SPO) inder Chancellor Bruno Kreisky an point to some enviable sucesses. Inflation was brought lown to 5.4 per cent in 1982 -one of the lowest levels in the yorld -- and is still slowing.

In foreign trade the current count is likely to have been in plance in 1982 for the first time 1 10 years, and a small surplus is xpected this year. And in the hree years of the world recession o far Austrian growth rates have ustripped the economies of ther industrialised countries.

On the other hand, unemloyment -- though still low by ther countries' standards -- is up till soak up public funds. Some ankers have expressed concern t the rate the hudget deficit is xpanding, and Austrians are orrying about the prospect of

As a small country, Austria is the White House was worried largely dependent on economic developments in the rest of the world, particularly in West Germany, its northero neighbour and biggest trading partner. But the long-awaited world economic upturo has not appeared so far, trade with the East bloc, which despite a year of falling interest accounts for more than 11 per cent rates in 1982. And a revival of world trade is hampered by the cash problems of many countries. especially in Latin America but also in Austria's traditionally

important East European mar-Although Austria is technically neutral country, its trade with Eastern Europe and its importance as a centre for East-West transit trade have clouded relations with the United States. In December a senior U.S. official said Washington might limit technology exports to Austria if Vienna did not improve control over technology transfers to

Communist countries. Dr. Kreisky sent one of his senior aides, Ferdinand Lacina, to Washington to discuss the matter. Dr. Lacina said on his return he had cleared up any misunderstandings about technology

transfers from Austria. The Americans had not been able to pinpoint for him any concrete cases of technology transfer that were unacceptable to them, he added. The U.S. has limited exports of technology to the East bloc that Moscow could use for military purposes. Dr. Lacina said

about the possibility of such technology being reexported, or U.S. licences being sold to Eastern Europe

The White House is not seeking a general cutback in Austrianof Austria's imports and exports and nearly half of its energy supplies, Austrian officials say.

# No sharp changes

The Socialist Party does not intend any sharp changes in economic policy if it wins the April election, but it has already announced tax rises.

The opposition Conservative

People's Party (OVP) also does not plan any radical changes in the style of its British counterpart led by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. OVP spokesmen said their party would adopt a long-term strategy to revitalise the economy.

but this would need some years to take effect. Small and mediumsize businesses would be encouraged by tax changes, expensive. projects would be trimmed, and the size of the hureaucracy reduced by natural wastage.

There is no question of suddealy shutting down or pruning hack lossmaking nationalised industries, but these would be restructured gradually, they said. Like the Socialists, the People's Party believes in full employment

-- "Full employment has priority

OVP aide said - and their main charge against the Socialists is that they have let unemployment get out of hand.

The jobless total has climbed from 3.7 per cent just over a year ago and the semi-official WIFO economic research institute says it will average 4.6 per cent in 1983. Economists say it could rise

above five per ceot as the economy stagnates further this year, and QVP spokesmen say that in depressed regions it is already above 10 per cent.

WIFO expects Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to rise 0.5 per cent this year, after rising one per cent in 1982, though many economists believe this forecast is too optimistic. Industry is fairly competitive as a result of the national bank's hard-currency policy, which maintains the external value of the schilling. This means trying it to

the West German Mark. Companies are forced to rationalise costs because they can expect no price advantage from a depreciating schilling, while the costs of imported raw materials and energy are dampened.

The full employment policy means that Austria enjoys a rare degree of industrial peace. Under its consensus system of social partnership, trade unions accept moderate wage rises, a key factor in keeping the country com-petitive. Wage rises is the latest pay round averaged 4.5 per cent, less than inflation than inflation.





# Five Year Plan miscalculations conceal economic success

Except for the Transport and

Communications sector, the plan-

ners' estimates were all in the

same downward direction, some

times by stunning ratios, which yielded a final differences in the

GDP of JD 202.3 million or some

Most of the figures used by the

plan to indicate income generated

by the various sectors in the base

year of 1975 also fail to match the

actual published official statistics.

although in this case there should

not have been any need for

29 per cent.

By Fahed Fanek Al Ra'i Columnist

The first chapter in the documeou of the current Five Year Economic and Social Development Plan 1981-1985 is devoted to an over-all assessment of development performance under the previous plan for the years 1976-1980. The document reached such grossly wrong results in the evaluation that the whole picture has 10 be re-stated, and all the projections of the new plan. should be re-calculated. In general the plan document should be

re-written.
The planners have falleo into a substantial mistake, owing to the fact that they have used esti-mations of the output of the economic sectors for the last year of the previous plan (1980) which proved to be completely different from the real figures. The planners were obliged to make their guesstimate because the statistics of the National Accounts were not ready yet. These guesstimates were unfortunately so wrong that they do not even come close to the official statistics. This of course per cent on the overall GDP.

has a great bearing on the calculated percentage of growth thought to have taken place for each sector and for the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as a

The picture became even more distorted because the planners did not use the correct figures for the base year (1975) despite the fact that statistics for this year were of course finalised and published several years ago. Actually they have picked up some of the statistical figures and estimated others as they pleased, thinking perhaps that no one will take the trouble of comparing figures and discovering the discrepancies.

I would have been willing to excuse our planners when they made mistakes in estimating the output of each sector before the official statistics were published, provided their mistakes were in different directions, and in the range of plus or minus 10 per cent, especially when the estimate covers an already completed year. But I cannot accept any excuse if the variation exceeds 100 per cent in certain cases, and reaches 28.7

Even if the economic planner is free to make a guess concerning a year before the official statistics are published, as was the case for 1980, he is not free to ignore the published statistics for the base year 1975.

The following are the figures the National Planning Council used as their estimate for income generated from various sectors in 1980, compared to the actual figures published one month later by the Statistics Department, in millions of Jordan dinars:

Sector	Plan	Actual	Variation
	estimate		
Agriculture .	60	64.6	. 7.7%
Manufacturing & Mining	154	166.1	7.9%
Electricity & Water	8	17.1	¥ 113.8%
Construction	52	97.5	4 87.5%
Trade & Commerce	138	166.5	₹ 20.7%
Transport & Communications	91	79.7	- 12.4%
Government Services	122	170.2	39.5%
Other Services	80	145.6	+ 19.3%
Total	705	907.3	+ 28.7%

The following table compares estimates quoted by the plan to the actual figures as published by the Statistics Department in millions of Jordan dinars:

Sector	Plan estimate	Actual	Variation
Agriculture	26.0	26.0	- 1
Manufacturing & Mining	46.8	56.0	19.7%
Electricity & Water	3.1	3.1	
Construction	16.1	19.2	<sub>+</sub> 19.3%
Trade & Commerce	46.3	66.9	44.5%
Transport & Communications	24.9	24.9	
Government Services	65.2	65.2	-
Other Services	41.0	51.0	+ 24.4%
Gross Domestic Product	269.4	312.3	+ 15.9%

estimates covering Agriculture, Electricity and Water, Transport Administration and Defence ( ::: Government Services) are

The reader will notice that the 1976-1980 incorrect plan. These reasonable performance ratios could not be arrived at owing to and Communications, Public the incorrect estimates of the last year of the plan (1980).

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Having disclosed these hardexactly in compliance with the to-believe mistakes, and arrived at official statistics. This seems to the correct figures for the base indicate that the planner who pre- year 1975 and the last year 1980,

pared the figures was aware of the we can now re-calculate the coractual statistics, but chose pur- rect percentage of growth of each posely to accept some and inveot sector, and accordingly reevaluate the performance of the performance of the previous 5-vear Economic and Social Development Plan.

The following table shows the percentages of growth for each sector, as targets of the plan, as percentages of growth that the document thought were realised. and finally the actual growth performed according to our calculations. These are expressed in constant figures, i.e. after excluding the effects of inflation on

The official evaluation of the performance of Jordan's economy, under the previous 1976-1980 plan, was not correct. The mistakes committed are not acceptable, and should not be 101erated.

Happily, the economy's actual performance was better than our planners thought. The economy grew at 10.9% annual growth in real terms (oot 8.5% as the new plan asserted) and accordingly 91.6% of the growth target was achieved, way above the 71.4% rate mistakenly calculated.

Sector	Target mis	Plan Correct calculation
Agriculture Manufacturing & Mining Electricity & Water Construction Services	· 7.0% 26.1% 17.1% 4.1% 8.6%	5.7% 7.5% 13.6% 11.4% 8.1% 26.1% 13.1% 24.0% 6.8% 9.3%
Total	11.9%	8.5% 10,9%

# Oil price cuts could mean more hardship for Third World

By Harvey Morris Reuter

LONDON --- A cut in the price of oil would bring little relief, and possibly further hardship, to the debt-ridden countries of the Third

This is the proposition being studied by a group of Britishbased aid lobbyists at a time when most Western economists are looking to a decline in oil prices to lift the industrialised world out of its worst recession for half a ceo-

The present glut in the world oil market, coupled with the apparent inability of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to cope with its con-sequences, has led industry analysts to anticipate a cut in prices in

the weeks to come. Such a cut would ease the future energy costs of all countries, both developing and industrialised, that rely on imported oil and whose economies suffered the impact of the oil price explosions of 1973-4 and 1979-80

(WDM). Britain's main Third World aid lobby, believe some of the consequences of an oil price slide could further harm the world's poorest countries.

WDM's Jonathan Fryer identified three main potential areas of concern for the non-oil producing Third World countries if a cut in prices led to decreased spending by the oil producers:

- a possible drop in commodity

sales, including food.
--- the likelihood that migrant workers would be repatriated, as has already happened in Nigeria. -- a cutback in research into cheap alternative energy, seen as vital for Third World develop-

Mr. Fryer said very poor countries, such as Tanzania and other states in black Africa, were now

trapped in a vicious circle of deht that would not be broken simply by a cut in oil prices.

The poor countries have had to horrow heavily on the international money markets to pay for the exploding energy costs of the 1970s and that deht would remain outstanding regardless of future

movements in the world oil price. Some countries had been able to counter the price explosion to some extent by finding new markets for their hasic commodities among the rich oil-exporting states. In some cases, poor countries had bartered food to cover

their oil needs. Mr. Fryer said the Third World's chances of switching their sales to a post-recessionary industrialised world would be limited by the growth of protectionism in the rich countries, particularly in regard to goods such as steel and textiles into which the developing countries had been encouraged to diversify.

The consequences of future austerity measures in a number of oil-exporting countries is already But analysts at the World being seen in Nigeria, where Development Movement economic decline appears to be an underlying factor in the decision to expel an estimated two million illegai immigrants.

Poor states, such as Ghana, have provided a pool of labour for the oil-producing countries as they undertook massive development programmes in the oil boom years. Migrant workers have, in their turn, provided an important source of foreign exchange for their countries by sending money back home.

If a decline in oil revenues forced the oil exporters to cut hack on development plans, foreign workers could find themselves being repatriated.

Remittances from workers in the Gulf are an important factor in the economies of a number of. Asian countries, including Sri. Lanka, Pakistan and the Philip-

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going through a period of austerity as a result of falling oil income, also has an immigrant population

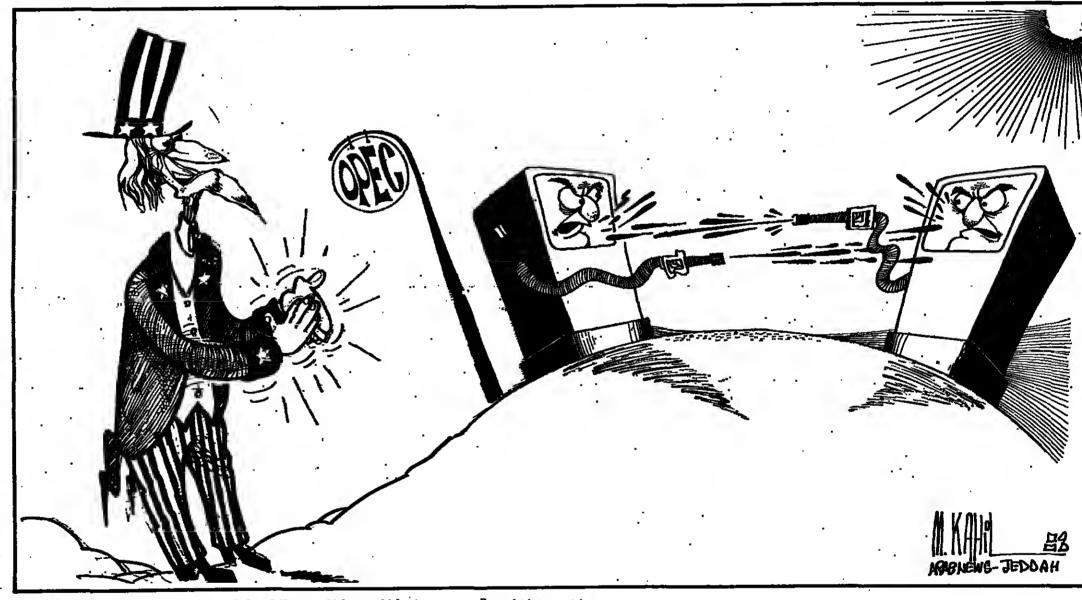
The WDM is concerned that a sharp drop in oil prices would further discourage investment in alternative sources of energy, such of up to three million Colombians, as solar power, which are paraccording to unofficial estimates. 'ticularly relevant to the Third

Much of this research is currently being undertaken hy major oil companies but they could lose interest if a drop in the oil price made such investment uneconom-

Mr. Fryer said he hoped that oil price cuts, if they came, would be planned and in stages so as not to add a further shock to the economic plight of the very poor. chases but not for the basic infras- he said.

The Third World had largely tructure, particularly in agricullost out on the benefits of increased spending by the oil producers in the past decade. Loans had been available for oil pur-

ture, that the Third World needed. "People are reluctant to accept that the whole concept of recycling petrodollar has not worked.



The oil price war may be welcomed by the industrialised world but could burt poor non-oil producing countries.

# TV & RADIO

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# WHAT'S GOING ON

# TODAY'S EVENTS

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\* Man of Marble, by Andrej Wajda, at the American Centre at 5:00 p.m. EXHIBITION

\* Exhibit of ceremics, by Isam Nuseirat and Hazem Al Zoubi in the Alia Art

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CHURCHES

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# MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and cos-tumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qui'e (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Jordan, Jours J. Quire (Canada Tam). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m., (Pridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.). Closed Theadays. Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countriesand e collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Munrazah, Jaba! Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128. Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilis dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports Chy, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240. Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169.

# SERVICE CLUBS

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# New Zealand beats England by 7 wickets

PERTH (R) - New Zealand swept into the finals of the triangular World Series cricket cup. dampening England's chances by winning their rain-ravaged match here Saturday.

The deluge which could well have drowned England's hopes was a tonic for Australia, who will get into next week's finals if they beat the New Zealanders here

New Zealand's winning margin Saturday was seven wickets but the match became something of a farce after the rain, which lashed down with England on 45 for three wickets off 17.3 overs.

The wind from a helicopter, the fire hrigade and water-absorbing rollers were used to dry out the western Australia cricket association pitch.

Three hours later, when the highly unseasonal rain stopped, England resumed their innings in a match then reduced from 50 overs a side to 23.

England hit out after the break to improve their run rate hut they had little chance of setting New Zealand a sizeable target. David Gower was 35 not out when the innings ended on 88 for seven. New Zealand picked off the runs to score 89 for three with 15 balls

ensure a place in the finals, enjoyed a flutter of hope when captain Boh Willis snapped up openers John Wright (12) and Glenn Turner (0). leaving New Zealand 20 for two.

Jeff Crowe went for 18 but Jeremy Coney and captain Geoff Howarth put on 42 for the fourth wicket to steer New Zealand to

England's downfall started when Willis called tails and lost the toss to Howarth, who sent England in to hat on a moist and extremely lively wicket.

Even before the rain England were in trouble, particularly against pace bowler Richard Hadlee, who finished with three wickets for 15 runs off eight overs.

Hadlee had openers Chris Tavare and Ian Botham caught by wicket-keeper Warren Lees, and Martin Snedden dismissed a frustrated Allan Lamh, caught for seven when trying to hook.

Then came the rain, leaving England almost no chance of setting a winning target. Derek Ran-dall was caught for 12 going for a hig hit and Trevor Jesty, Ian

New Zealand now have 12 points, four more than England and Australia. New Zealand and Australia have played nine games while England have played all 10 pre-final matches.

If Australia lose against New Zealand, England will go into the finals because of their faster runrate during the series. If Sunday's match were rained off, each team would collect a point-enough to see Australia through.

England hrought back pace bowler Norman Cowans for the match and he conceded only 12 runs in his first four overs. Then medium-pacer Rohin Jackman was brought on in the 10th over and was hit for two fours and a

Jackman conceded 16 runs in his two overs before Cowans was hrought back and had Crowe caught by Botham at second slip.

But the damage had heen done and New Zealand set off for victory, leading England to await the outcome of Sunday's match before they know whether they will be turning out for the first final in Sydney next Wednesday.

The second final will be played in Melbourne on Feh. 13, with a lowing Wednesday if necessary.

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His manager, John Marcovic. estimates that Deller will earn more than £100,000 (\$150,000) from exhibition matches and sponsorship this year, a glittering prize for the man from eastern England who was once a baker's

. In the past few years television. But the introduction of spinner the proverage has brought a new audience to darts, a game of skill that has its roots years ago in the hreakthrough, baving Cook smoke-filled saloons of the English Tavern. Televised darts championships

retain something of the rowdy atmosphere of a good night out and have attracted a cult following for the game.

Part of the press interest in

Deller is due to the fact that he is young, handsome and weighs only about 180 pounds (80 kg) -- not at all the usual profile of a top darts player.

before Kirsten was brilliantly caught behind by David Murray For the most part, the over-Graeme Pollock brought up the weight gladiators of the modern 150 by hitting a hall from Austin game look to be the sort who for six. At the interval he was 15 would be more at home propping up the har at the local pub than

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# United's title ambitions LONDON (R) — Ipswich showed 16 points adrift. Ipswich, languishing in mid-

there is no room for sentiment in soccer by putting an end to Manchester United's English first division title amhitions Saturday, the eve of the 25th anniversary of the Munich disaster.

which left them 12 points behind runaway leaders Liverpool, 3-1

by Liverpool in the final 16-game run-in. United will now be left to battle for the runners-spot, a role filled by Ipswich for the past two

Nottingham Forest squandered an opportunity to leap above third-placed Watford, who meet Swansea Sunday, when they went down 2-1 at home to European cup holders Aston Villa and slip

kept the scoreline blank for 41 minutes. It took a hrilliant goal from Ipswich midfielder John Wark, his 15th of the season, to beat Bailey.

England striker Paul Mariner flicked on a long cross and Wark launched himself into mid-air to send an acrobatic overhead kick sizzling past Bailey into the roof of the net.

Bailey then denied Wark and fellow-Scot Alan Brazil with two breathtaking saves before United, in a rare breakaway, equalised through Irish international Frank

Luton, who have the worst defensive record in the first division, shocked Liverpool by taking a 31st minute lead. Zimbabwean goalkeeper Bruce Grohbelaar failed to hold a stinging Paul Walsh shot and Brian Stein was on hand to head home with ease.

It took Liverpool just 60 seconds to equalise with the inevitable goal from Welsh striker Ian Rush, the league's top scorer. He pounced on a loose ball on the edge of the box to snap up his 25th goal with a firm shot past Jake

Liverpool captain Graeme Sourcess, the most influential figure on the pitch, set up the second for fullhack Alan Kennedy in the 41st minute and scored the third himself 10 minutes from time.

Darts is the most popular par-

seven million people are esti-

mated to play the game at one

leagues and there is £200,000

(\$300,000) in prize money to be

won every year.

The increased interest in the

sport over the last few years has

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tance in a game where to score the

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# 4 top seeds reach \$150,000 women's tennis semifinals

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Florida (R) - The top four seeds reached the semifinals of a \$150,000 women's tennis tournament Friday night and all but number one seeded Chris Evert Lloyd had easy victories.

In Saturday's semifinals Lloyd will face Wendy Tumbull of Australia and Andrea Jaeger takes on Hana Mandlikova of Czechos-

Lloyd, the world's second-ranked player, had to fight off a strong challenge from 16-year-old Andrea Temesvari of Hungary before winning her quarter-final 6-3, 6-0. But the score failed to indicate the drama of the match.

Temesvari, who climbed the world computer rankings from 146 to 27 in one year, duelled Lloyd through four service hreaks and a 2-2 tie to start the match. Exchanging strong baseline shots, each held for

Lloyd survived one break point to hold in the seventh game and broke Temesvari in the eighth. After that, Temesvari started to fade. 'The crucial point was when it was 3-3 in the first set and she was within a point of going ahead 4-3," Lloyd said.

"I got a little tired and she got confidence after she won the first set," said Temesvari. Lloyd added: "This was the best match I've had in the tour

In the other quarter-final matches, the second-seeded Jaeger proved too steady for Zina Garrison and advanced with a 6-1, 6-1

Garrison broke Jaeger's service to start the second set, but Jaeger won the last six games while dropping only nine points.

Turnhull, the third seed, won the first seven games as she elimi-

nated Iva Buderova of Czechoslovakia 6-0, 6-1 in 44 minutes. The fourth-seeded Mandikova overwhelmed Roslyn Fairbank of South Africa 6-0, 6-1 to reach the final four.

# Borg beats Tanner

NORFOLK, Virginia (R) - Retiring tennis great Bjorn Borg, frequently displaying the lethal array of passing shots that characterised his professional career, Friday night defeated Roscoe Tanner in straight sets 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, The match was one of a series of exhibition games that are being

called Borg's "farewell to America" tour. He meets Jimmy Connors Saturday night in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The 26-year-old Swede, winner of six French Open titles and five Wimbledons in an 11-year career, announced his retirement from competitive tennis last month. He will play a tournament in Monte Carlo at the end of March and

a series of exhibitions in Tokyo at the beginning of April before going into retirement. Before the Tanner match, Borg reaffirmed that he would not

change his mind about quitting tennis. "I started to really practise seriously again last year (after an extended layoff) hut I didn't enjoy it," he said. "I kept trying,

thinking maybe it would come back, but it didn't. "If you're going to play tournaments well, you have to be eager to win every single point. I don't feel that way now."

# Ashford clocks 6.55 seconds

LOS ANGELES (R) - Evelyn Ashford of the U.S. ran the second fastest women's indoor 60 yards ever to beat East German Olympic medallist Marlies Goehr here Friday night.

Ashford, fastest away from the blocks, was never threatened and clocked 6.55 seconds, 0.01 seconds outside her best time last year. Goehr, 100 metres world record holder, returned a time of 6.69

Kerstin Knabe of East Germany won the women's 60 yards hurdles in 7.57 seconds.

# Esteve saves France from Scots

PARIS (R) - Two tries by left winger Patrick Esteve belped France to a narrow 19-15 win over a spirited Scottish side in a five nations' Rugby Union Championship match at Parc des Princes here Satur-

Both Esteve's tries came after classic examples of French running and handling with the forwards setting up their backs perfectly to leave the speedy winger in the clear. However, France had an uphill struggle throughout with their

powerful forwards unable to dominate their determined opponents and the Scots were a little unlucky not to snatch a draw. Scotland made an ideal start when they raced to an early 12-3 lead

before France fought back to 15-15 at halftime. Esteve scored the only points in the second half when he crashed over in the corner only nine minutes from fulltime after fullback

Serge Blanco had come into the backline as the extra man. For France Blanco kicked three penalties and a conversion, while Scotland's points came from a try by Keith Robertson, two dropped goals from Bryan Gossman and a penalty and conversion to Peter

# Wales draws with England

CARDIFF (R) - Wales and England fought each other to a standstill at Cardiff Arms Park here Saturday, drawing their five nations' Rugby Union Championship match 13-13.

The result was an accurate reflection of a game dominated in the first half by England and in the second by the bome side. England took an early lead when right wing John Carleton raced into the corner after a perfectly timed pass from fullhack Dusty Hare.

They led 7-6 at halftime and at that stage must have been confident of notching their first win at the Arms Park since 1963.

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### Gould, Vic Marks and Rohin Jackman could muster only two runs between them. Richards' unbeaten 101 highlights

South African XI scored 250 for seven wickets in their allotted 50 overs in a one-day match against a rebel West Indian cricket side here Saturday.

A majestic unbeaten century hy Barry Richards was the highlight of the first session in the one-day

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PORT ELIZABETH (R) - A position at 176 for two off 39 overs at lunch after winning the toss and electing to bat.

one-day Port Elizabeth match

Richards had some lucky escapes on the way to his 101 not out. He was dropped four times before the interval, the fourth time by Ezra Moseley when on 98.

The Springboks were in a strong scamper through for the two runs

and Jimmy Cook blasting 50 off Moseley's fumble allowed the the first 10 overs. former Hampshire opener to run rate. Austin made the initial

Kapil Dev to lead India

on West Indian cricket tour NEW DELHI (R) - Kapil Dev, India's leading all-rounder, was Saturday appointed captain of the Indian cricket team for a five-test

tour of the West Indies starting later this month. Kapil Dev, 24, takes over from Sunil Gavaskar after India's disappointing tour of Pakistan where they lost three tests and drew the rest in the six-test series.

The Indian Cricket Control board's five-member committee announced the appointment after the team returned from Pakistan

Kapil Dev. vice-captain on the Pakistan tour, was the youngest Indian cricketer--at 21 years and 27 days--to complete a test double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets.

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Projects Director.

# Ipswich ends Manchester

table, produced one of their best performances of the season and only a string of inspired saves by United goalkeeper Gary Bailey

United were held to a 1-1 draw winners at Luton.

Barring an unforeseen collapse

By Paul Iredale

Baker boy becomes darts celebrity throwing missiles with pinpoint ticipatory sport in Britain, and accuracy under the glare of tele-

vision lights. Indeed, many of them LONDON — The game of darts, intersperse their playing with always popular in Britain's puhs large gulps from ever-full glasses, hut now appealing to a wider and some maintain that their aim audience through television, has a improves after several stiff drinks. new, slimline champion.

The result is that potbellies are Dapper and athletic Keith common in the world of darts, and Deller, an unknown only weeks ago, snatched the world title from drunkeness in a major competition is not unheard of. the stereotype heavyweights of Jocky Wilson, the 1982 world the sport and is poised to make big champion, admits that he has

occasionally over-indulged, and When Deller beat the world's be was suspended for several months last year for swearing at Olly Croft, secretary-general of the World Darts Federation,

> petition and the image that top dart players feel they have to cul-"It's because the game started in the puhs, and you can't go in without huying a drink. So when the players get to the hig tournaments they carry on drinking,

blames the pressure of com-

because they think it's part of what they've go to do." "Some players have a problem with it," he adds.

He says it is not essential to be overweight to be a good darts by Deller in this year's final says player, but the lifestyle of the top 'arrowsmen," travelling from town to town and eating at wrong bours, makes it easy to put on the extra pounds.

A world-class darts player can earn £400 (\$600) a night in exhibitions. A hrewery may ask him to play to attract custom to a new. venue, or he might find himself up against a team of local enthusiasts.

Eric Bristow, the world's number one and the man beaten that confidence is all important. "Practice helps, hut it doesn't

Bristow, known in the game as the Crafty Cockney. "You need to control your nerves and, ohviously, yon've got to have the natural gift as well. But confidence makes a really good player, and that is one thing I have never

# Vazquez-Rana eases tension over Olympic shooting venue

LOS ANGELES (R) - A row over over where to stage the shooting event at next year's Olympic games apparently subsided Friday after the president of the International Shooting Federation said he would accept any

U.S. city if necessary. Federation President Olegario Vazquez-Rana told a hastilycalled press conference: "I think the shooting events will be held in the Los Angeles area."

Mr. Vazquez-Rana arrived in Los Angeles, the site of the games, by air from Mexico City at four O'clock Friday morning amid reports the Olympic organising committee could not find a suitable site and marksmen feared the

event might be dropped. The local committee vicepresident for sports, Charles Cale, said the International Olympic Committee (IOC) had vetoed the choice of Las Vegas as the shoot-

Speaking through an interpreter, he said local officials had studied 38 possible venues. Mr. Vazquez-Rana said: "1 have said I wanted the shooting events to be held: 1, in Los

Angeles 2, in the Los Angeles area

the shooting events, we can hold

them in two or three places in the

But after a series of meetings with local Olympic officials, Mr.

Vazquez-Rana told reporters: "I

am happy and satisfied with what

the local officials are doing."

or, 3, in any city within the United "That is still the situation at this moment," be said. "If we cannot find one place for

Los Angeles area," he added. He said the Los Angeles Olympic organising committee had to tell an IOC meeting in New Delhi next month where it proposed to hold the shooting contest.

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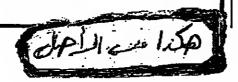
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LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Forget a worrisome affair

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A good day to study

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Perfect day for get-

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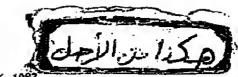
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handling your personal affairs.

or otherwise, and avoid trouble.



# ECONOMY

# U.S. official to suggest to Japan extending curb on car exports

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. trade representative Mr. 1881 Brock said Friday he will suggest a two-year extension of Japan's voluntary curbs on car exports to the United States by reminding Japanese leaders of growing protectionist sentiment here.

Mr. Brock told reporters after a Senate international trade subcommittee hearing that he was not going to ask directly for a twoyear extension of the present two-year agreement when he visits. Tokyo on Feb. 10, but would suggest it more subtly.

"I don't ask the Japanese. That is their decision." Mr. Brock said."

The agreement is due to expire on March 31. The U.S. car industry is still hurting from the recession and the administration has been under pressure from the industry and Congress to take action to keep imports down. . .

The Japanese, who send more cars in the United States than anyone else, agreed two years ago to euro their exports and left the door open for an additional year of restraint.

Mr. Brock said he would tell the Japanese that Congress prefers a two-year extension of the pact, under which Japan has kept car. exports to 1.68 million units annually.

Officials said the U.S. industry feels the Japanese should extend

their curbs for two years and keep annual exports to 1.5 million. Congressional demands for laws imposing quotas or other restrictions on Japanese cars have grown in recent months.

The Democratic-controlled House of Representatives passed last.

December by 215 to 188 votes the most restrictive trade legislation in years, a so-called domestic content bill that would require foreign makers to use a high percentage of U.S.-made parts and labour in cars they sell in the U.S. market.

But it was rejected by the Senate, which is controlled by President. Reagan's Republican party and generally backs the administration's opposition to unilateral trade restrictions.

# EEC asks U.S. to clarify reports on butter deal with Egypt

BRUSSELS (R) - The European Community bas asked Washington for elarification of rumours that the United States plans to sell cheap butter to Egypt, officials said Friday.

Reports of a deal, which have been circulating widely in Brussels, have prompted fears of a further escalation towards a Transatiantic

farm trade war. It would be the second U.S. retaliatory move against European farm subsidies since the beginning of the year, and would come just days before senior officials meet here on Feb. 10 for a second round

of talks aimed at defusing tensions over farm trade.

Last month the U.S. administration sold a million tonnes of subsidised flour to the Cairo government in retaliation against European farm subsidies, pushing the Community out of one of its most lucrative markets and in particular hitting the French flour industry, which traditionally sells large quantities to Egypt.

European Commission President Gaston Thoru told visiting U.S. Vice President George Bush that he intended to challenge the sale under international trade rules.

"We reserve the right to take counter-action if any further actions of this kind are taken," Mr. Thorn said. In Paris, French Agriculture Minister Edith Cresson said Friday

Egypt had committed itself to buy more U.S. agricultural produce.

She said she bad expressed to the Egyptian ambassador France's concern at the deal, which a French agriculture ministry official said could bind Egypt to buy U.S. products over the next five years. Mrs. Cresson told journalists the ambassador bad shown her the

floor contract, which she said contained a clause binding Egypt to buy further quantities of U.S. produce. She did not specify which products were involved. Officials in Brussels said the Community would formally lodge a

complaint against the flour sale in the General Agreement on Tariffs

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

# Canada's jobless rate dips slightly

OTTAWA (R) — Canada's unemployment rate showed a slight dip last mouth for the first time since late 1981, the government said Friday, but warned it was not a trend. With 1.48 million people counted as out of work in January, the jobless rate fell to 12.4 per cent, compared to 12.8 per cent in December. The actual total for January before adjustment for normal seasonal variations was 1.59 million unemployed. There was further indirect evidence of recession with the announcement of a record \$14.43 billion surplus in Canada's foreign trade last year, up from \$8.50 billinn in 1981. The government statistics agency said the jump in the surplus was due to a sharp drop in 1982 imports as the recession bit sharply into domestic demand.

# Iraq to lift ban on Greek ships

ATHENS (R) - Iraq bas told Greece it will lift a ban on the use of Greek ships for the transport of Iraqi cargo, the merchant marine ministry announced Friday after a ministry delegation visited Baghdad earlier this week. Iraq had imposed an effective boycott on Greek ships late last year ont of concern over the safety record of the fleet, which includes a high proportion of ageing, secondhand vessels, Greek shipping press reports said.

### Turkey defends waterway charges

ANKARA (R) - Turkey Friday defended the legality of its tenfold increase in transit charges on ships using the Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits and said it saw no need for talks on the issue. Soviet ships have refused to pay the new rates since mid-December, running up a debt to Turkey of more than 1.5 billion Turkish lira (more than \$7.5 million), according to shipping

### Iran repays loan to U.S. bank

NEW YORK (R) - Chemical Bank became the first U.S. bank to receive a loan payment from Iran Friday since the hostage crisis of 1980. A total of \$26.4 million was turned over to it from an escrow account held by the Bank of England. The account, made up of Iranian assets seized in retaliation for the taking of the hostages, was established in January, 1981, following release of the Americans. It contains \$1.42 billion. Chemical said it received \$18.8 million in principal payments and \$7.6 million in interest.

# Polish firm goes bankrupi

WARSAW (R) - The first case of bankruptcy in post-war Communist Poland was announced Friday, reflecting a new economic approach that lifts the umbrella of state protection from inefficient firms. Under the beading "we finally have a bankruptcy". the Communist weekly Pohtyka reported the building firm Budopol in the southern industrial city of Katowice had gone bust. It was a victim of the deep slump in the building industry and of the government's economic reform programme, under which banks only lend money to firms which can show they will invest i profitably.

# Mexico rejects OPEC charges

MEXICO CITY (R) — Mexico angrily rejected a suggestion Friday that its oil policies have broken the grip of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) on the world oil market. It said OPEC's reported problems stemmed from a slump in world oil demand and not from Mexican crude exports, which rose by more than a third last year. The ministry comment came in response to reports published here quoting OPEC Secretary-General Marc Nan Nguema as blaming Mexico, Britain and Norway for "undermining" OPE C's control of the world market. The statement noted Mexico's exports only equalled eight per cent of OPEC's sales and three per cent of the world crude trade, a proportion too small to affect the international market.

# Cuba puts brave face on debt

A recent issue of the Cuban Communist Party newspaper. Granma, featured two articles alongside each other. Their juxtaposition is revealing.

The first was an account of the speech by Vice President Raul Castro, the leader's brother, at the celebrations in Moscow of the 60th anniversary of the rounding of the Soviet Union.

The Cuban revolution," he said, "has followed a clean and straight path, a luminous path, and will continue to do so no matter what. One of the pillars in making that possible consists in the ties of fraternity and solidarity that will always unite Cuba and the Soviet

in spite of the mixed metaphor, the message was elear. Moscow's menoshm has been vita i io the Castro government and Havana wants it to coatinue.

Beside Vice President Castro's speech. Granma ran a large picture of Mr. Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader, with an article in which he announced: "We will never allow our security and that of our ailies to be threatened." Mr. Andropov's unequivocal

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Nor, on the other hand, is there any sign that the Soviets are any more willing than they once were to bail the Cubans out and increase the subsidy that has been worth many billions of dollars to

less music to the ears to the Cuban Western bankers and Cuban offi-government. Western bankers and Cuban offi-cials have highlighted the fact that But Havana's need to emphas- the Cuban idea of paying due ise the closeness of its ties with debts over a 10-year period Moscow — as exemplified in including a three-year grace Granma — only highlights how period is being stolidly opposed.

Bank in Havana announced to its creditors that it wanted more train to pay the 1,057.3 million pesos (\$1,229.6 million) which fed ducbetween the beginning of last September and the end of 1985, there to the water to release the regular flows of banks will agree to the general the bankers seek.

up to the undertaking given last convertible currencies, so roubles and Cuban pesos.

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Cuba over the years.

by Henri Arnold and Bott Lee

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In the meantime, the National In one important area, the principal since last September. Soviets have left the Cubans With Cuba's reserves down to Moscow has made is very clear end of last August, it probably did that it is not going to advance the not have much alternative.

The bankers' disinclination to help Cuba stems from a number of strategic considerations.

the bankers seek.

Washington has shown no grat enthusiasm for Western banks to give the Cubans a helping hand, in spite of the fact that U.S. regulations have for years precluded

The continuing impasse over Cuba's debt is forcing Havana to cut back on its imports of Western goods as the money to buy them

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"cials have highlighted the fact that to give Cuba more credit is com-

and Trade (GATT) over the next few days.

Bank has halted repayments of around 110 million pesos at the

If Cuba were granted 10-year

ment, they argue, year to only 14 per cent, with the rest being paid for in non-up to the undertaking given last convertible currencies, such as

U.S. banks from lending to Cuba. And Western bankers feel thereare cases more deserving of their attention than a country which is unremittingly pro-Soviet in its attitudes, yet whose debt is not large enough to present a threat to the Western financial system.

bas dried up.

Western banks' unwillingness pounding the problems the island's economy faces from continuing low prices in Western markets for sugar, Cuba's principal export.

The National Bank, in its presentation to bankers last year, showed that sugar prices, as measures in U.S. dollars at a constant 1954 value, bad dropped from 3.28 U.S. cents a pound in 1971 to only 1.92 U.S. cents at the end of last August.

The result is that bard currency imports, which in 1975 represented 49 per cent of the island's terms, half the rest of the Third resented 49 per cent of the island's World might seek similar, treational imports, will amount this ment they around the

In spite of such economic constraints, President Fidel Castro is not aiming to relinquish his political ambitions to play a world role. as his brother made clear in Mos-

Cuba continues to be a solace to revolutionary forces straining to overthrow corrupt dietatorial regimes in Central America -though the Cuban role in the istbmus is often widely exaggerated by anti-Communist propaganda from Washington.

Today, as in the past, lack of money is clearly not cramping the style of the prepressible Castro

- Financial Times news features

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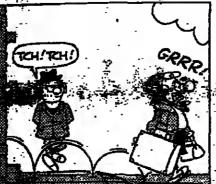






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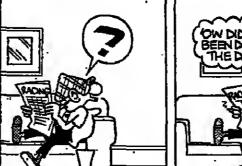






BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND

WHY YOU BELIEVE THAT



# Shultz nears end of China visit Jaruzelski

PEKING (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, winding up a four-day fence-mending trip to China, had talks with the country's influential elder statesman. Deng Xiaoping.

Mr. Shultz told Mr. Deng his discussions with Premier Zhao Ziyang, Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian and other Peking leaders were "excellent, informative and interesting."

He added: "Some things we agreed on, we had a few disagreements in the spirit of frankness, but it was a good discussion all the way round."

Speaking before newsmen at the start of the talks in Peking's Great Hall of People, 79-year-old Mr. Deng told his guest: "I envy you very much. You are very young while I am in the sunset years."

Mr. Shultz replied that he had just sent off hirthday greetings to President Reagan, 72 Sunday who considers that ages like yours and his are still young ages, and you are as vigorous in mind and heart

Little was immediately known of the substance of the talks. Friday. Premier Zhao made it clear that U.S. arms sales to Nationalist-ruled Taiwan still constituted the main obstacle to a healthy development of Sino-American ties.

The two countries last year came close to downgrading ties over the Taiwan issue, before papering over their rift in a joint communique in August.

Other bilateral problems aired during Mr. Shultz's discussions have been what China sees as Washington's relucatance to sell it advanced technology, and the dispute over quotas for Chinese textile exports to the depressed U.S. market.

Diplomatic sources said the two men were also likely to talk about moves towards a limited thaw in Sino-Soviet relations.

While Mr. Shuliz and Mr. Deng talked in the Great Hall, American and Chinese officials were meeting for discussions that could hroaden bilateral cooperation in the fields of military education, military medicine and logistics.

Mr. Shultz was giving a news conference later Saturday at which he was expected to summarise the results of his visit, billed by Washington in advance as an effort to put Sino-U.S. relations back on a "sound, stable and developing basis" after last year's crisis over

Mr. Sbuliz is due to leave for South Korea Sunday morning.

# New Delhi polls crucial for Mrs. Gandhi

turoout of voters was reported Saturday in local elections in New Delhi watched keenly by the rest implications for Prime Minister

Her Congress (1) Party suffered humiliating defeats in two soutbern states last month and mounted a publicity campaign in New Delhi almost on the scale of a general

Mrs. Gandhi badly needed a vic-

ant had been jailed for 15 years for

murdering bis four-year-old

daughter after a fortune-teller

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itional Chinese prejudice against

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Liu longed for a son and was

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China's one billion population.

having more than one child.

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PEKING (R) - A Chinese peas- second child in the 12th lunar

morale after the setback in its traditional southero strongholds.

The defeat reflected a steady erosion of support for Congress (I) which bas failed to secure a majority in eight state elections since Mrs. Gandhi swept hack to power in 1980.

Saturday's elections for a 56member metropolitan council and 100-seat municipal corporation were the first test since last May of Mrs. Gandhi's popularity in the

ally sets the trend for general elec-

Thousands of policemen guarded polling stations to quell possible disturbances, but the elections, with 3.63 million people eligible to vote, were peaceful. The results will be known Sun-

Mrs. Gandhi, whose picture was on posters plastered all over the city, voted at a polling booth ringed by police.

Hillel Chodos, representing the

Bloomingdale estate, told a Los

Angeles Superior Court judge

that a suit by Miss Morgan against

the estate should be thrown out

because any contracts which were

on a purely sexual basis are not

Judge Irving Sbimer rejected

the argument, saying: "I think ...

there is an issue of fact yet to be

Miss Morgan, 29, sued the

million, claiming he had promised.

Bloomingdale estate and

to support ner for life.

a lawyer has said.

binding by law.

Commentators said a defeat could further damage both her personal standing and her party's chances in key elections in the troubled northeastern state of

Some newspapers predicted a close finish. The main threat to Congress (1) came from an alliance of former Foreign Minister Atal Bibari Vajpayee's Bharatiya Janata (BJP) Party and ex-Prime Minister Charan Singh's

# Bomb blasts Bloo ning Jale

BILBAO, Spain (R) - An explosion ripped through the head offices of the Basque Banco de Vizcaya here Saturday morning, killing two people and injuring

GMT, was in the foreign currency department on the first floor of the tower block offices in central Bilbao, they said. The hlast caused

Provincial Governor Julian San Cristoha told Spanish Radio that minutes before the explosion, a caller claiming to belong to the Basque separatist organisation ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom) had telephoned the bank to say a homb had been

Afghan troops bave freed 11

Soviet civilian advisers kidnapped

last month by rebels but four

others were killed during the

rescue raid on a guerrilla hideout,

the Press Trust of India (PTI)

In a report from Kahul, PTI said

the Afghan force freed the Rus-

sians on Tuesday in a raid on a

hideout 100 kilometres from the

northero Afghan town of Mazar-

i-Sharif, where the abduction took

It quoted a witness as saying

According to an Afghan rebel

commander, Muslim guerrillas

based in the rugged hills of north-

ero Afghanistan abducted 16

Soviet advisers early last month.

Western diplomats in Islamabad

earlier said one of the 16 bad been

killed trying to escape:

four advisers were killed during

news agency said.

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the assault.

#### In his interview, published in full by the Polish news agency PAP, Gen. Jaruzelski also said the planned visit to Poland in June by Pope John Paul II would be "a vital element' in church-state

relations. But he reiterated earlier government statements that right conditions must first be created. On U.S.-Polish relations, the

still bitter

about U.S.

WARSAW (R) — Poland's Communist leader Wojciech

Jaruzelski Saturday accused the

United States of turning U.S.-

Polish relations into a cold war

and said his country would not

Gen. Jaruzelski, in an interview

with the Hungarian Communist

Party newspaper Nepszabadsag,

said there were signs of improving

ties with West European states but

this was being hampered by what

he called the aggressiveness of the

how before American pressure.

general said: "These relations are had. I will say more: They are very "It is not, however, Poland which is to blame. It was not we

who started the unnecessary. American-Polish cold war." Warsaw wished to improve the relations, he said, but Washington must first "return to the universally-binding norms of

international life."

# Sihanouk claims rebel casualties were slight

guernilas recently attacked by Vietnamese troops in the Thai border area withdrew in time to avoid heavy losses, Kampuchean resistance leader Norodom Sihanouk said Saturday.

The Vietnamese early this month attacked Nong Chan refugee camp, controlled by the Khmer People's National Lib-eration Front (KPNLF) forces of Son Sann, and bome to 48,000 Kampuchean refugees.

Prince Sibanouk told a press conference that Gen. Im Tam, commander-in-chief of the Sihanoukist faction, bad sent him a telegram which said losses among non-Communist forces in the area were not important.

He said Hanoi was now focusing its attacks on non-Communist guerrillas because the strongest partner in the resistance coalition, the pro-Peking Khmer Rouge communists ousted from Phnom Penh in 1979, was more successful on the battlefield.

Answering questions a day after meetings with Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping and U.S. Secretary of State George Shuitz, the prince said China had agreed to provide more ammunition for his

own small royalist guerrilla force to help it through Vietnam's current dry season offensive. There are still several months to go before seasonal rains in Kam-

puchea make military operations

impossible and the prince said that

PEKING (R) -- Non-Communist by then he might have to ask for more weapons.

Prince Sihanouk said he had not asked for arms from the U.S. during his meeting with Mr. Shultz because he knew Washington was not ready to give weapons, only humanitarian aid

He said his faction numbered about 5,000 men but he had enough volunteers to increase the total to between 10,000 and 20,000.

Commenting on prospects for an accommodation between himself and the pro-Hanoi government of Heng Samrin, Prince Sihanouk said neither the Soviet Union nor Vietnam were willing to grant Kampuchea its inde-

"I cannot accept a compromise with the Soviets and the Vietnamese unless they recognise that my people and my country are independent," he said. "They plan to get Sihanouk as a new puppet in their hands... I am not a puppet of anybody."

His impression of U.S. foreign policy in Indochina after his meeting with Mr. Shultz was that it was

'very shy".

Mr. Shultz had not mentioned any U.S. initiative on Kampuchea "so I could conclude that the United States has not yet a clear idea about the possibility of itself intervening actively in a search for a solution to break the present deadlock," Prince Sihanouk said.

# NEWS BRIEF

### New shuttle to go up in March

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (R) - The space shuttle Challenger is expected to make its delayed maiden voyage in early March, three weeks earlier than the last projection, a space official announced. Lt.-Gen. James Abrahamson, associate administrator for space transportation systems, said a test firing of the craft's three engines had pinpointed a fuel leak which forced postponement of the launch set for last month.

### Zia to ban public rallies

ISLAMABAD (R) - Pakistan's military ruler, President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, said Saturday that public rallies and marches would be banned under the Islamic political system he plans to give the country. Gen. Zin told reporters that under the system he has promised to unveil by Aug. 14. the 36th anniversary of Pakistan's independence, politicians will bave to find other means, such as indoor meetings, to make contact with the people.

### Council deletes embarrassing diagrams

LONDON (R) - Britam's national marriage guidance council is deleting some of the diagrams from its sex advice books because some couples find them embarrassing. "People are often left feeling inadequate," a council-spokesman said. "They can't perform in some illustrated positions because they are too fat."

# 3 Turkish

ANKARA (R) - Three brothers had killed their brother, the news agency said.

# MacLean's old friend

OTTAWA (R) - A former

associate of British spies Guy

# in S. Thailand

BETONG, Thailand (R) - Two guerrillas of the outlawed Comman said

### Hindi-speaking north, which usu-NEW DELHI (R) - A moderate tory to boost her party's sagging

of India because of the political Indira Gandhi.

Political commentators said

Chinese peasant jailed for

would be a boy, the newspaper The peasant sent his wife to live with ber mother in another area before he killed Liu Zhuan last

month, an even month, the bahy

"Tigers and lions never eat their cubs", a villager was quoted as saying. "Liu Chunshan is even more cruel than tigers and wolves.'

Liu, an illiterate, summed up one of the main reasons for female infanticide in China. He said in jail that he loved his daughter but sbe would eventually marry, live with her in-laws and not be able to look after him in his old age.

"I would have had to care for nothing," he said.

Last month, three weeks before Liu was sentenced, his wife gave wife was due to give hirth to a hirth to a girl.

# Reagan turns surprise party into public relations triumph

WASHINGTON (R) - President Reagan was treated to a surprise televised birtbday party Friday and turned the show into a rollicking public relations coup seen by millians.

The impromptu celebration two days before his 72nd birthday was led by Mrs. Reagan and disrupted a White House news conference on economic issues.

icity limelight that goes with the U.S. presidency. The Reagans, both Hollywood

minutes of free television time to good advantage as they tossed off jokes about his age, teased reporters, laughed off questions about his re-election plans and generally presented a picture of an affable. loving couple having a fine time.

The news conference had interrupted widely-watched television soap operas and the real-life party started as Mr. Reagan was making a complex point about defence spending.

He doggedly reeled of facts and figures as ripples of laughter began rising from the assembled press corps.

BY CHARLES GOREN

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the off-camera sight of Mrs. Reagan and some aides peeking from a nearby doorway with a couple of birthday cakes and big.

smiles on their faces. Mr. Reagan caught on when Mrs. Reagan and the staff began singing "happy birthday to you".

Reagan brought forward a cake It dramatised vividly the publ- and made him blow out the candles, the president noted that be actually had two days yet to go before his real birthday on Sunday veterans, used about seven extra and added, "aren't the years going by fast enough without you bringing that (cake) out?"

Exchanging kisses with his wife, he said this was merely another anniversary of his 39th birthday anyway.

When one reporter asked wryly, "you're not getting too old to run again, are you sir?". Nancy Reagan replied: "Wby don't you have a piece of

cake? When the reporter made a good-bumoured show of declining to accept a White House "bribe" the president quipped," oh,

you've sold out for less than that".

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**U.S.** casualty in El Salvador upsets some What they were laughing at was **Democrats** 

WASHINGTON (R) — Congressional Democrats said that the wounding of a U.S. sergeant in El Salvador proved American military advisers there were exposed to Beaming and grinning as Nancy imminent hostilities.

The Democrats on the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs. Committee renewed their longstanding demand that the administration invoke the War Powers Act, which would give Congress 90 days to order a halt to U.S. military involvement in the Central American country.

# Basque bank case continues

LOS ANGELES (R) — Contracts between late multi-millionaire Alfred Bloomingdale, a confidant of President Reagan, and actress Vicki Morgan were on a purely seven others, police said. sexual basis, "whippings and all,"

The explosion, at about 0900 considerable damage.

planted there.

# Karen Carpenter dies of heart failure LOS ANGELES (R) - Karen slimming, were treated for the ill-

4 abducted Soviets reportedly die in rescue

Carpenter, of the Carpenters brother-and-sister singing duo, died Friday after being treated for the slimmer's disease anorexia nervosa, ber manager said.

The agent, Jerry Weintraub, said Friday night she had been treated for the illness, caused by failure to eat, in New York during the past 18 months. "But I believe she had been cured," be said. Los Angeles coroners' officials

said 32-year-old Miss Carpenter, who was 1.6 metres tall, weighed 48 kilogrammes when she died. Anorexia nervosa became known as the star's disease when a number of actresses, intent on

and tortured two of them to death.

Two days ago, rebel com-

mander Mir Haider said in the

north Pakistan frontier town of

Peshawar that 15 of the advisers

were well and were being moved

around to avoid Soviet and

Afghan search parties. It was not

clear how fresb his information

PTI reported that the Soviet

survivors said they had been sub-

jected to repeated beatings and

bouts of starvation in the rebel

hideout. There was no immediate

verification of the agency's report.

did not mention the reported

Rare Soviet account-

MOSCOW. (R) - The Soviet

Union gave a rare account Satur-

day of some of its troops being

Kabul Radio, monitored here,

NEW DELHI (R) — Crack the rebels kidnapped 17 advisers

A two-hour post-mortem on

Miss Carpenter found no immediate cause of death and there would be further laboratory tests, a. coroner's office spokesman said. Officials at Downey Memorial

Hospital, in Los Angeles, where Miss Carpenter was taken after being found unconscious at her parents' home, said she died of a beart attack.

Miss Carpenter's singing partner, her elder brother Richard, and her mother were with her at the hospital when she died half an bour after being

The newspaper Kom-

somolskaya Pravda said three

Soviet soldiers died in an explo-

sion after a convoy of lorries was

fired upon by rebels dressed in

The last time the Soviet media

reported on a Soviet soldier killed

in Afghanistan was 17 months

ago. The victim, Lt. Viktor Losev.

also died in an explosion, trying to

. save an Afghan officer from a

Breaking with the Soviet

media's normal style of reporting

incidents in Afghanistan, Kom-

somolskaya Pravda made no

attempt to play down the scale of

operations by Afghan guerrillas.

ningly positioned on roads and

guerrillas at times wore Soviet and

Afghan army uniforms. "The road

is one of the main objects of bandit

It said land mines were con-

Afghan army uniforms.

burning car.

terror." it added.

her unconscious in a walk-in closet wardrobe in her bedroom in their

The clear, breezy style of the Carpenters sold more than 30 million records. Their hits included 'We've only just begun," "Close to yon," "Rainy days and Mon-days," "Solitaire", and "On top of

Her mother, Agnes, had found

the World". They earned 17 golden discs, for recordings that each sold more

than a million copies. Miss Carpenter's soprano voice made her one of the most rec-

named as Nikolai Yakshov, Rais

Vakasov and Yuri Galkin - were

attempting to move a blazing lorry

filled with dynamite away from

the rest of a convoy when it

In a separate article Friday,

Komsomolskaya Pravda said

guerrillas damaged a Soviet.

The newspaper added that

guerrillas were trying to disrupt

the supply of food to outlying

where there are, there are more

bandits' mines than stones," it

Last week, in a departure from

its previous reporting practice, the

official TASS news agency said

Soviet troops had actively taken

TASS said Soviet troops using

part in combat in Afghanistan.

"There are not any roads, and

parts of Afghanistan.

belicopter with fierce rifle fire.

exploded, the newspaper said.

brothers executed ognisable singers of the 1970s.

> convicted of murder in 1974 were. executed in the central Turkish town of Aksehir Saturday after their death sentences were ratified by the ruling generals Friday night, the semi-official Anatolian news agency said. The hangings brought to 38 the number of executions since capital punishment was revived after the 1980 military coup, 15 of them. carried out this year. Most of the victims were convicted of political violence. Suleyman, Cevat and Ridvan Karakose were sentenced nine years ago for killing the wife and son of a man they believed

# has more to say

Burgess and Donald MacLean said up to 40 Soviet "moles" may still be living freely in Britain. Michael Straight, a key witness in revealing Anthony Blunt, former art adviser to the British royal family, as the so-called "fourth. man" in a spy ring that penetrated Britain's MI-5 intelligence service, said he gave authorities in the 1960s the names of 150 suspected Soviet agents. He said in a recent . interview on Canadian television: "Up to 40 had been living the lives of moies in England. That is to say as members of the Labour Party in Parliament, as barristers, as judges - various other people in public life." He also said the names he gave included one or two people in the Foreign Office. the Home Office, and the Treasury. He added he had no idea what has happened to them.

# 2 rebels surrender

munist Party of Malaya (CPM) surrendered to security forces in southern Thailand, a Thai military spokesman said. He said the guerrillas were of Thai origin and had joined the underground movement more than 15 years ago, the spokesman said. Security forces also destroyed two guerrilla camps and recovered a cache of food and medical supplies and documents in an anti-guerrilla operation launched last month inthe Betong salient region, a wedge of That territory jutting into northern Malaysia, the spokes-

#### grenade launchers helped Afghan infantry to defeat a group of antikilled in Afghnistan during an-But according to PTT's report, The three soldiers who died government rebels. Paraguay's strongman may return to power despite opposition

rescue in its broadcasts.

By Jane Klima

ASUNCION — Latin America's longest-serving strongman, Paraguayan President Alfredo Stroessner, is certain to be elected to a new five-year term in next Sunday's general elections, and the only question is the size of his majority.

Political sources said there was little doubt that the 70-year-old general would easily win the poll after almost 29 years in power and might even increase his 1978 majority of 89 per cent to 94 per cent of the vote. The president's supporters say

he will be elected on his popularity hut Westero diplomats say his Colorado Party dominates every state institution and controls the electoral machinery. The electorate, roughly onethird of this subtropical South

American republic's three million population, will also be voting for 60 deputies and 30 senators. The ruling party has a twothirds majority in the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate. The remaining seats are held by mem-. bers of the Liberal Party and its

sented the only opposition in the last elections. The Colorado Party maintains that total freedom of expression 'and respect for human rights exists in the country along with the free-

offshoot, the Radical Liberal

Party, who between them pre-

dom to undertake political and trade union activities.

But government opponents say opposition is effectively neutralised by a 20-year-old state of

# Opposition accusations

And the two opposition candidates in the presidential poll, deputy Fulvio Hugo Celauro for the Liberals and Dr. Enzo Doldan from the Radical Liberal Party, have repeatedly accused ruling party of hiocking their access to

supporters. Four other minority opposition parties, united in a left-of-centre "national accord" are boycotting the poll

The four parties - the authentic Radical Liberal Party (PLRA), the Christian Democrats, the revolutionary Febrerista Party and the popular Colorado Movement, a rebel faction of the ruling party - all say the conditions for democratic elections do not yet exist in Paraguay.

But Paraguay's ambassador to Buenos Aires, Antonio Massulli Fuster, told Reuters that the reason the parties were not participating was because they did not have the 10,000 members which the constitution lays down as acondition for putting forward presidential candidates.

President Stroessner has been re-elected five times since taking power in May 1954 at the head of. a military coup.

No guerrillas

His rule has brought a period of unaccustomed stability to a country which in the 22 years preceding his taking control bad bad 27 presidents. Paragusy is also one of the few countries in Latin America where there is no indigenous guerrilla movement. But the authorities have been

accused of providing a haven for German war criminals. A 1.8 metre, fair-haired career soldier before becoming president. Gen. Stroessner initially

gained the reputation of being an 'iron-handed' leader. Under the pressure from Westem governments, the ruling party has slackened its tight grip on society and the jails are reported to be almost empty of the several hundred political prisoners they contained several years ago.

But many government opponents, who have gone into voluntary or forced exile, are among .25 per cent of the Paraguayan population living abroad.

The most recent political figure to be deported was Domingo Laino, vice-president of the PLRA. He had been jailed last December on the eve of the publication of his book on late Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza who was assassinated in the suburbs of Asuncion in Sept. 1980.

Dissident sources here said Mr. Laino and several other promment opposition politicians now in

intention of trying to enter Paraguay on election day. But Interior Minister Sabino

Montaro told a news conference on Wednesday that any attempt to cross into Paraguay illegally with the aim of disturbing peace and order would be repressed. The opposition, apparently undaunted by the odds against it,

has been campaigning hard on a

platform of restoring the

recession-hit economy to its former health. After several years of growth rates of 10 per cent and above, expansion slowed in 1981 to 8.5 per cent and unofficial estimates

# Low inflation rate

have shrunk last year.

suggest the economy could even

At seven per cent, the country's inflation rate is the lowest in Latin America, but the world economic recession has cut demand for the landlocked republic's principal exports of cotton fibre, soya, timber and vegetable oils.

Another key factor is the Itaipu project under which Paraguay and Breezi jointly built the world's largest liydro-electric dam complex on the Parana River which separates the two countries. The complex opened last year.

Apart from providing business and employment, Itaipu also brought millions of dollars into the economy. But the flow dried up as said.

Argentina had confirmed their the dam neared completion. A joint project with Argentina to build a dam at Yacyreta on Praguay'a southern border has been dogged by disputes over financing and the share-out of profits and construction work.

While growth and ambitious development projects have improved living standards, they have also meant an increase in Paraguayans' aspirations which diplomatic sources said could lead to frustration with the Stroessner

Opposition parties are little more than window-dressing for the system, but the recession and the setback in the Yacyreta project might change Paraguayans' apparent conformity with the status quo, they added, noting that indirect criticism of the president m the press had become more prevalent recently.

But the Colorado Party and the armed forces are as much in control as ever.

Rumours that the president was scriously ill and had possibly suffered a stroke, fuelled by the fact that he usually declines to shake hands with his right hand, subsided when his candidacy for another term was officially announced last September.

The president is as healthy as anyone else of his age and has been actively campaigning for re-election," Mr. Massulli Fuster

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